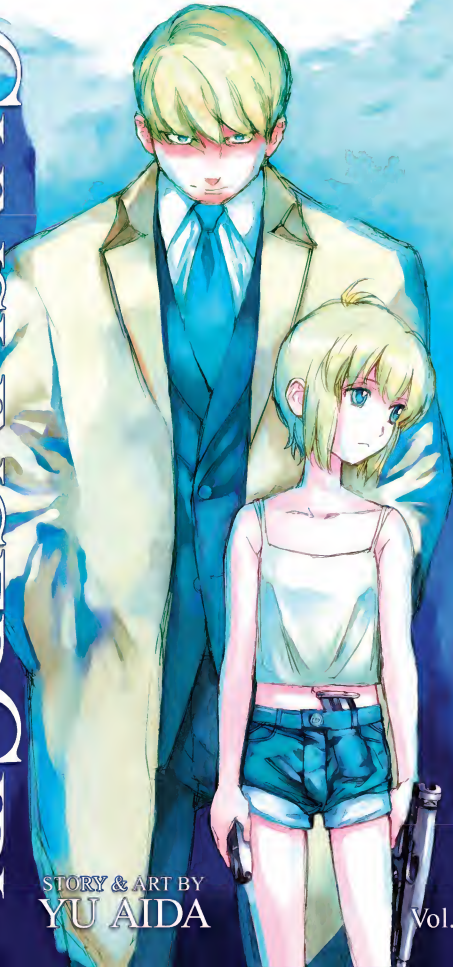


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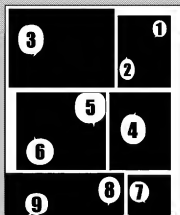
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CHARACTERS

登場人物紹介



JEAN CROCE

Jose's older brother. Very serious-minded and business-like. He is the cyborg handlers' leader and field commander for Section 2 operations. He lost his family and fiancée to a terrorist bombing.



RICO

Former quadriplegic. Innocent and cheerful, even the most common everyday things bring her much joy. Her handler is Jean.

Ex-military, he swore revenge against Padania when he lost his entire family, except for his brother Jean, to a terrorist bombing. He is kind to Henrietta, but he finds himself disturbed at how much he unconsciously imposes his late sister's image onto her.

JOSE CROCE



HENRIETTA

The only survivor of a slaughtered family of six. Thanks to her "conditioning" when she was converted into a cyborg, she is blindly in love with her handler, Jose. And thanks to the drugs used in that conditioning, she is losing her memories now.



HILSHIRE

German. Former detective with Europol. His only desire is to see Triela live for as long as possible. He considers it his duty to watch over and protect her.



TRIELA

Responsible and conscientious. Triela is the "big sister" of the cyborgs. Having learned about her past, she has decided that she wants to live. Her handler is Hilshire.

BEATRICE

A first-generation cyborg, Beatrice doesn't speak much. In fact, she does not display much emotion at all. Her handler is Bernardo.



BERNARDO

An agent for Section 2 and Beatrice's handler. He loves to talk a lot.





PETRUSHKA (PETRA)

The first of the new, second-generation cyborgs. She respects her handler Alessandro as a partner, and she has a crush on him from more than just her "conditioning."



ALESSANDRO (SANDRO) RICCI

A new handler transferred from the Agency's Public Safety division over to Section 2. Prior to his transfer, his missions centered around infiltrating Padania terrorist groups. He has a talent for observation.

GIACOMO DANTE

An experienced terrorist behind many well-known acts of terrorism. He is the prime suspect in the Croce Incident.



ASHIQ

A Middle Eastern terrorist. One of Giacomo's men.



ENRICA

Jean and Jose's much younger sister. Killed in the Croce Incident.



CLAES

When she lost her handler, she became the Agency's "guinea pig" cyborg. All cyborg developments are first tested on her.



MONICA MARIA PETRIS

Director of both Section 1 and 2. She has taken a hard line stance in opposition to terrorism.



LORENZO

Section 2 chief. Formerly employed with the Ministry of the Interior.



SALLES

A Major in the GIS special forces.



SOPHIA DURANTE

Jean's fiancée. Killed in the Croce Incident.



MARCANTONIO ABBADO

An old buddy of Jose, from his days in the Carabinieri.



KEY WORDS

用語解説

[CYBORG]

Experimental technology created by the Agency. Critically-injured children have their natural muscles and organs replaced with artificial ones, then they are brainwashed by a special procedure called "conditioning."

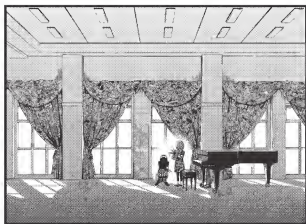
[FIVE REPUBLICS FACTION]

Commonly referred to as "Padania." An anti-globalization, right-wing group advocating for the affluent Northern provinces of Italy to secede and form their own country.

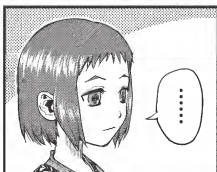
[THE SOCIAL WELFARE AGENCY]

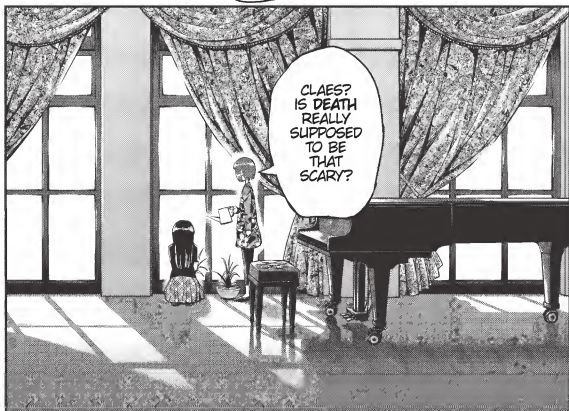
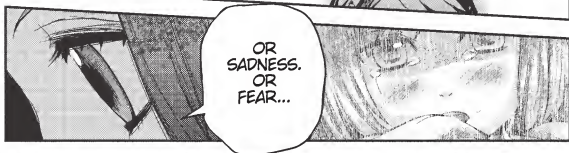
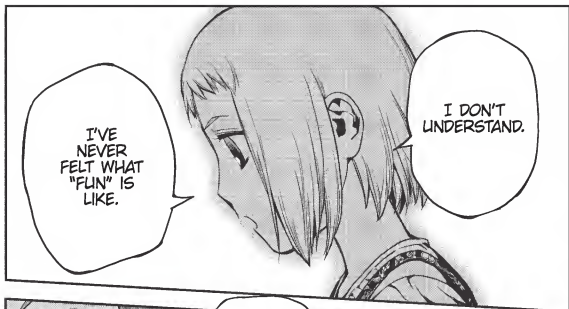
A counter-intelligence organization created in secret by the Prime Minister's office, charged with curbing the growth of radical-right groups in an already turbulent Italy.





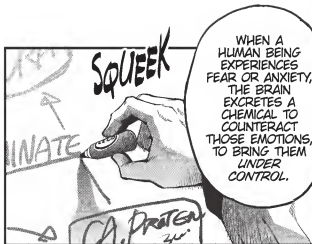




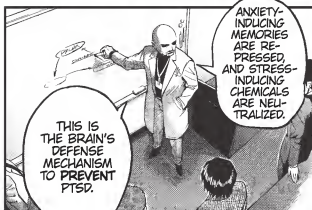




CHAPTER 59: A CAGE OF MEMORY

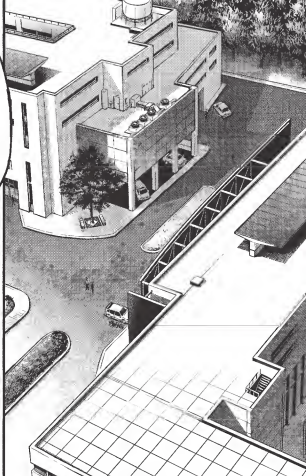


WHEN A HUMAN BEING EXPERIENCES FEAR OR ANXIETY, THE BRAIN EXCRETES A CHEMICAL TO COUNTERACT THOSE EMOTIONS, TO BRING THEM UNDER CONTROL.



THIS IS THE BRAIN'S DEFENSE MECHANISM TO PREVENT PTSD.

ANXIETY-INDUCING MEMORIES ARE RE-PRESSED, AND STRESS-INDUCING CHEMICALS ARE NEUTRALIZED.



DR. BELISARIO, HOW IS THIS TREATMENT ANY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT YOU'VE DONE BEFORE?



OUR EXPERIMENT WILL ATTEMPT TO HARNESS THIS NATURAL DEFENSE MECHANISM FOR US TO USE IN THE "CONDITIONING" PROCESS.

IT SHOULD HAVE A CALMING AND DE-STRESSING EFFECT ON THE CYBORGS.



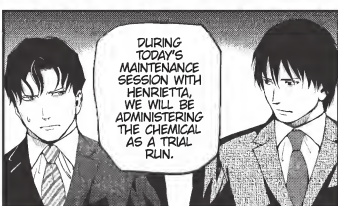
OUR NEW
APPROACH
IS A TYPE OF
SYMPTOMATIC
THERAPY,
ESSENTIALLY
HARMLESS TO
THE PATIENT.

THE ORIGINAL
"CONDITIONING"
PROCESS PUTS
A VERY TAXING
BURDEN ON THE
CYBORGS' BRAINS,
FORCING THEM
TO REPRESS
MEMORIES
ARTIFICIALLY.



THIS NEW
PROCEDURE
CAN HARDLY
BE PLEASING
TO YOU.

I KNOW,
BLANCHI.



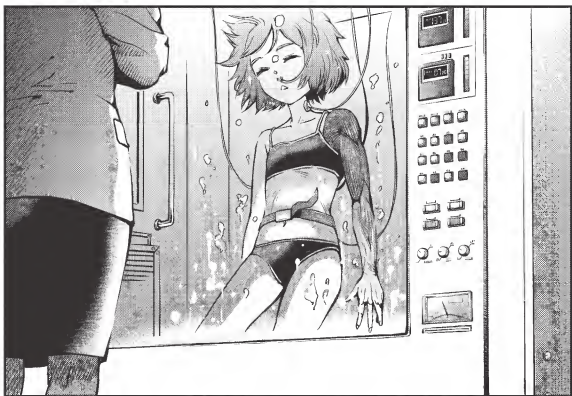
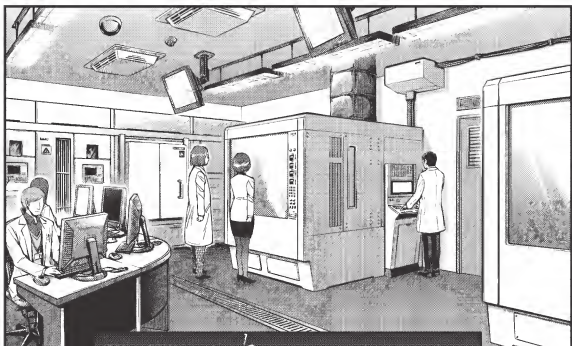
DURING
TODAY'S
MAINTENANCE
SESSION WITH
HENRIETTA,
WE WILL BE
ADMINISTERING
THE CHEMICAL
AS A TRIAL
RUN.

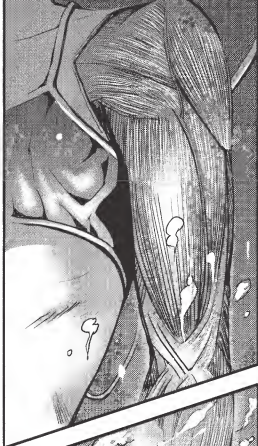


UNFORTUNATELY,
I CANNOT TELL
YOU WITH ANY
CERTAINTY HOW
GREAT OR
SMALL ITS
EFFECT
WILL BE.



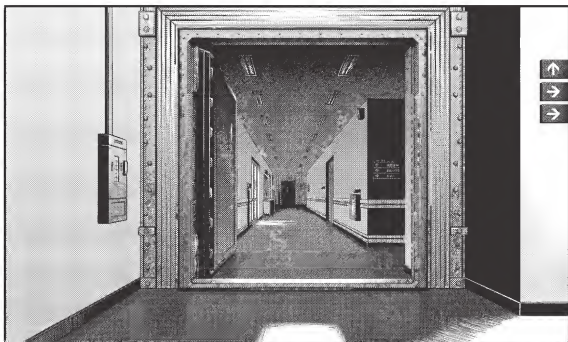
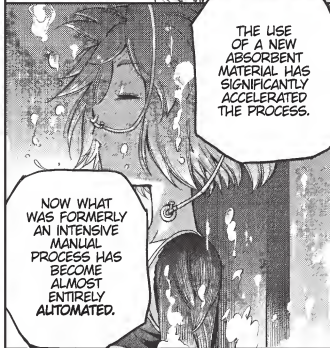
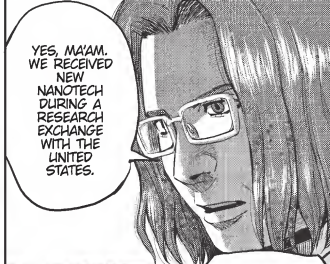


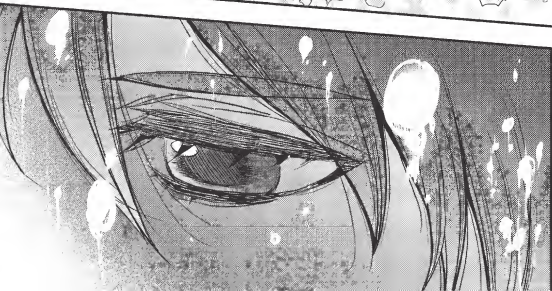
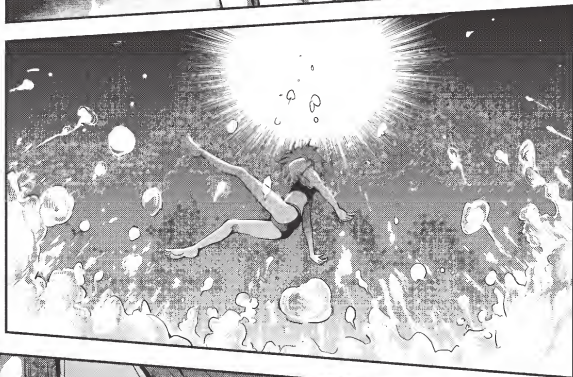


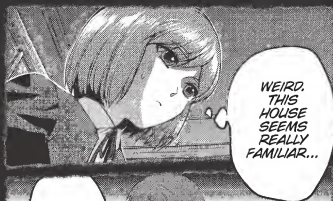




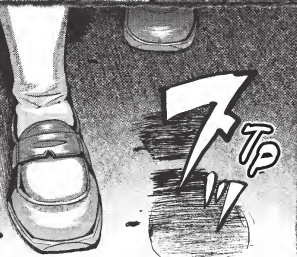
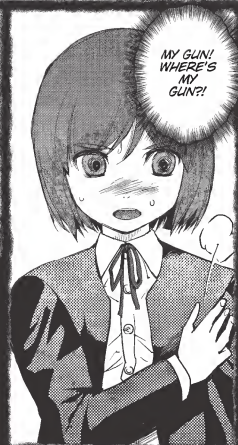
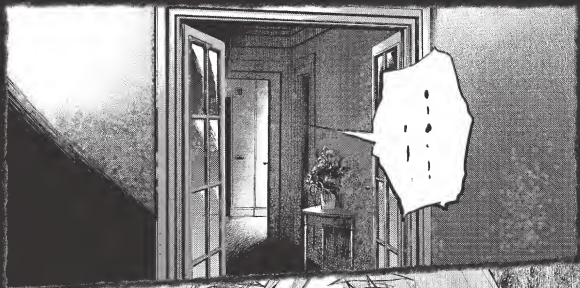
I CANNOT GUARANTEE HOW LONG OUR FUNDING WILL LAST.

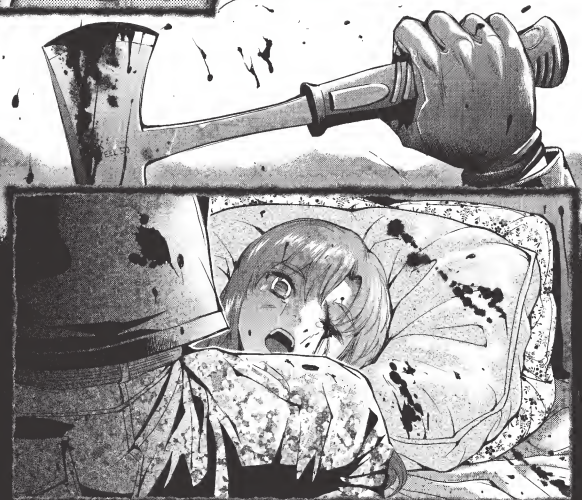
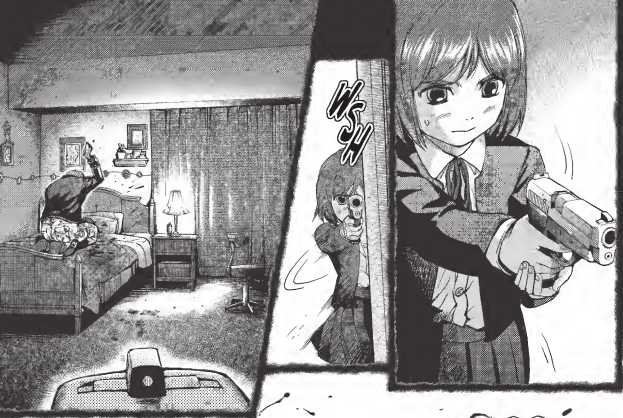




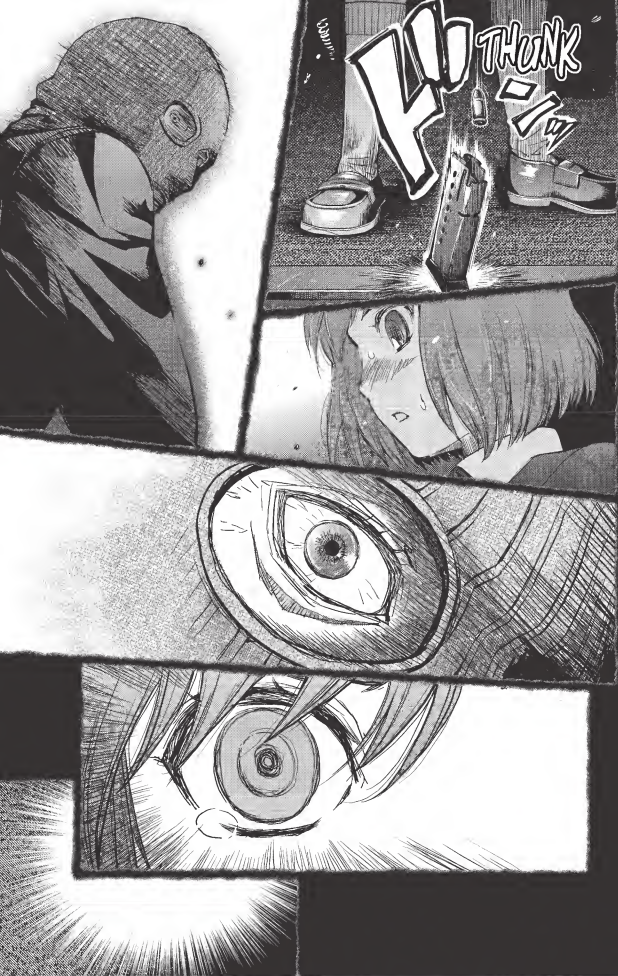


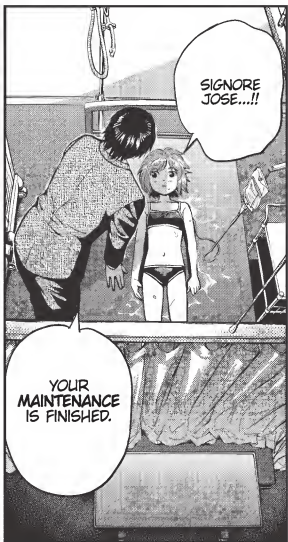
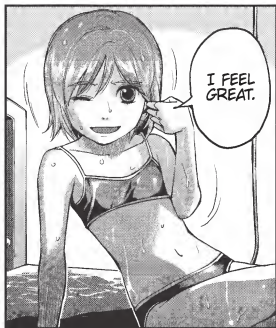














IT'S SO
STRANGE...

I DO FEEL
CALM AND
RELAXED...

BUT FOR
SOME
REASON,
I REALLY
REALLY
WANT TO BE
COMFORTED
RIGHT NOW.



NORTHEAST ITALY,
VENETO PROVINCE



SO NOW,
WE WILL
SHOW THEM
THE ERROR
OF THEIR
WAYS, WITH
ACTION!!

AS EXPECTED,
THE GOVERN-
MENT CHOSE
THE FOOLISH
ROUTE,
REFUSING TO
MEET OUR
DEMANDS!!





I HEARD
THE CRIES OF
DESPAIR
COMING
FROM YOU,
OVER THE
INJUSTICES
OF THE
GOVERNMENT!!

THIS IS
WHY I
CHOSE TO
RETURN
TO MY
HOMELAND
FROM
AFRICA!



SCHOLARS
FROM
BOLOGNA!!

LEFT-
WING
SLIP-
PORTERS
FROM
ROME!!

EVERYONE
GATHERED
HERE TONIGHT
IS AN ALLY!
COMRADES!
OUR GOALS MAY
BE DIFFERENT,
BUT WE ALL
HAVE THE
SAME ENEMY!!



NOW,
I KNOW SOME
OF US
GATHERED HERE
TONIGHT HOLD
DIFFERENT
IDEALS, BUT WE
MUST WORK
TOGETHER.



BROTHERS
FROM
VENICE!

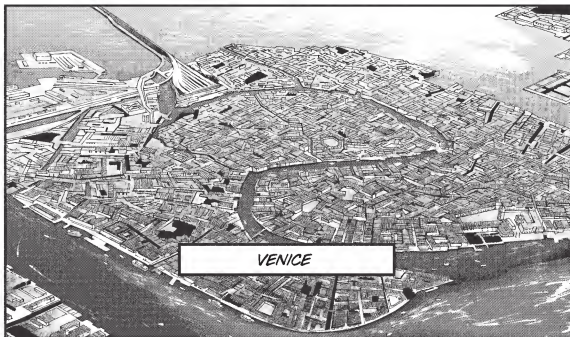
YOUR
DESIRE FOR
NORTHERN
FREEDOM
REACHED OUT
TO ME IN
FAR-AWAY
AFRICA!!



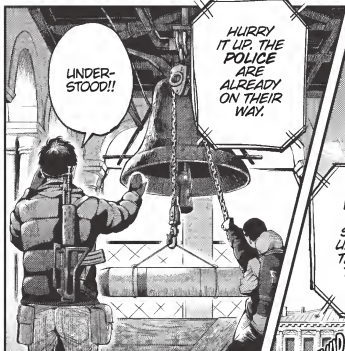
FRIENDS
FROM MILAN!
YOUR
STRUGGLE
AGAINST THE
GOVERNMENT
THIS PAST
YEAR
HAS BEEN
HARSH.

BUT YOU
HAVE NOT
GIVEN IN!
YOU HONOR
US WITH
YOUR
BRAVERY!!



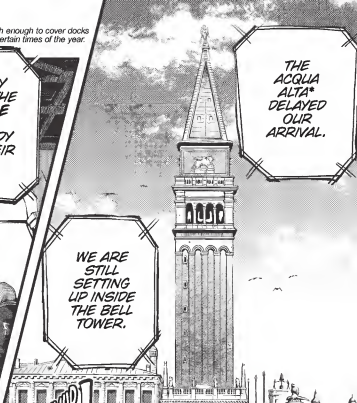


*Acqua alta ("high water") is a type of low-level flood that rises just high enough to cover docks and block off first floor entrances. Venice is regularly hit by these at certain times of the year.



UNDER-
STOOD!!

HURRY
IT UP. THE
POLICE
ARE
ALREADY
ON THEIR
WAY.



THE
ACQUA
ALTA*
DELAYED
OUR
ARRIVAL.

WE ARE
STILL
SETTING
UP INSIDE
THE BELL
TOWER.

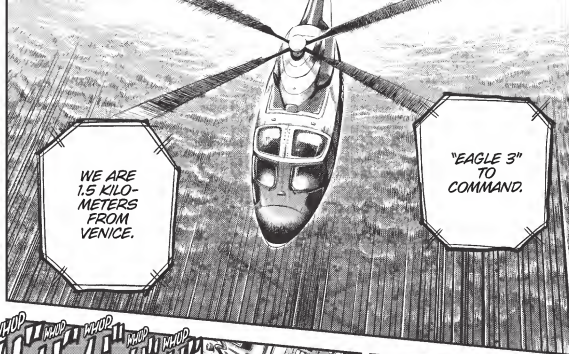


PROCEED
AS
PLANNED.

THE
ESCAPE
HELICOPTER
CAN REACH
YOU IN FIVE
MINUTES.

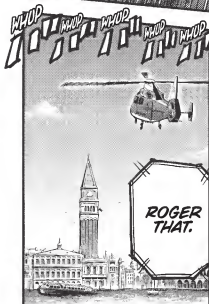


THAT
IS ALL
FOR
NOW.



WE ARE
1.5 KILO-
METERS
FROM
VENICE.

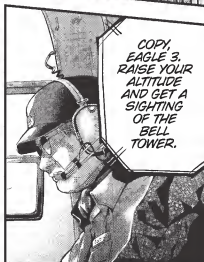
"EAGLE 3"
TO
COMMAND.



ROGER
THAT.



GET US
EYES ON
WHAT'S
GOING ON
IN THERE.

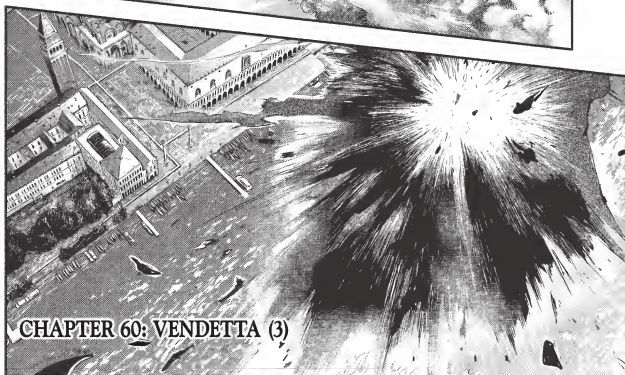
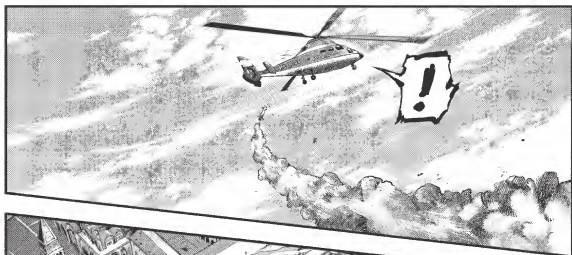
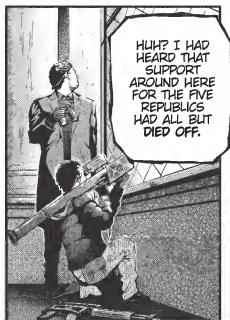


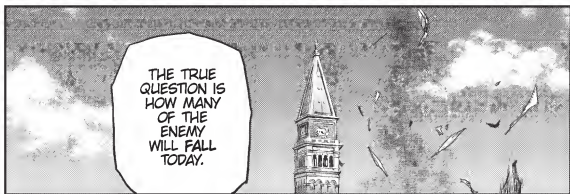
COPY,
EAGLE 3.
RAISE YOUR
ALTITUDE
AND GET A
SIGHTING
OF THE
BELL
TOWER.

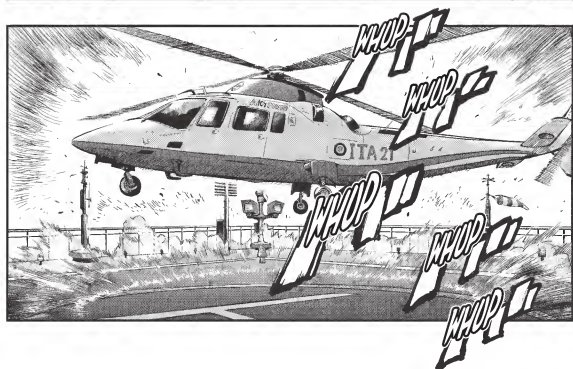
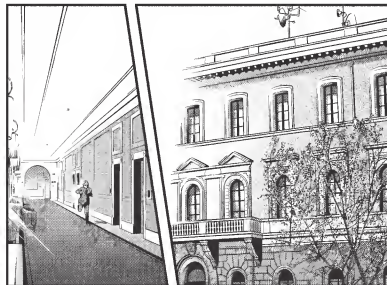


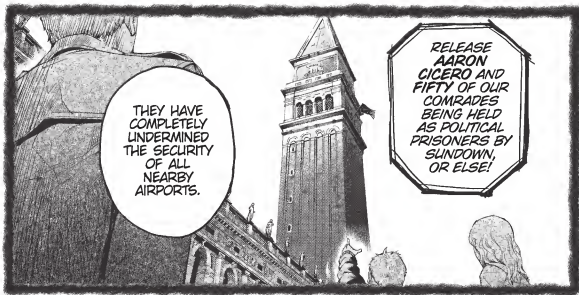
YEAH.
SOME ANTI-
GOVERNMENT
GROUP,
I'D
GUESS.

SO,
SOMEONE'S
TAKEN
OVER THE
BELL
TOWER,
EH?











BY TOMORROW MORNING, I FEAR MUCH OF THE CITY'S POPULAR OPINION WILL BE BEHIND THEM, NOT US.

I HEAR THE TERRORISTS HAVE EVEN RAISED THE OLD FLAG OF THE VENETIAN REPUBLIC ON THE BELL TOWER.



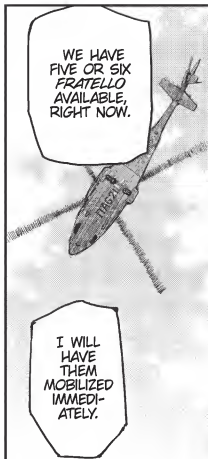
THE REMNANTS OF THE OLD VENETIAN LOYALIST FACTION?

IF THAT TRULY IS GIACOMO IN COMMAND, THEN WHO IS HE LEADING?



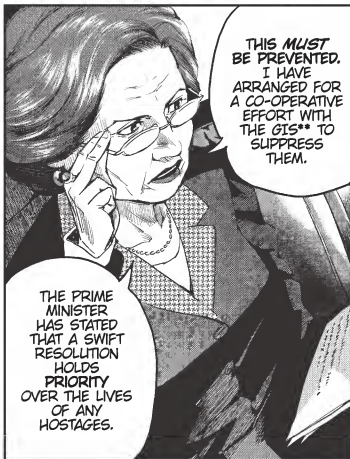
IT SEEMS THEY HAVE YET TO GIVE UP ON THE PROGETTO RIALTO*.

*Progetto Rialto is a plan to raise all the buildings in Venice and prevent the city from sinking.



WE HAVE FIVE OR SIX FRATELLO AVAILABLE, RIGHT NOW.

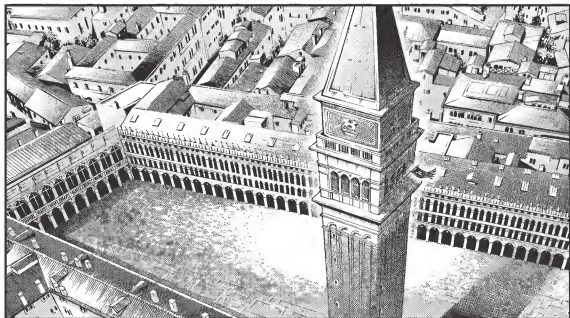
I WILL HAVE THEM MOBILIZED IMMEDIATELY.



THIS MUST BE PREVENTED. I HAVE ARRANGED FOR A CO-OPERATIVE EFFORT WITH THE GIS** TO SUPPRESS THEM.

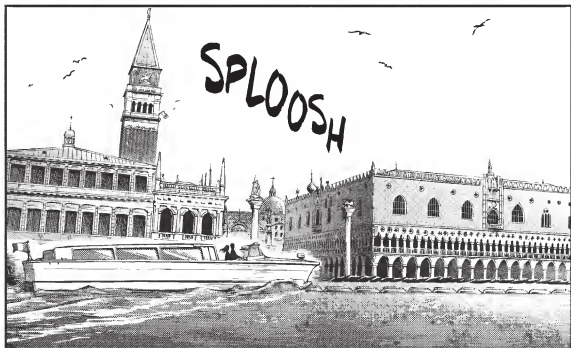
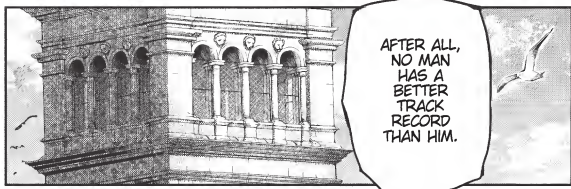
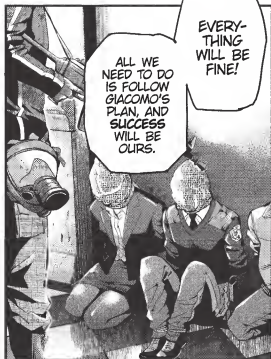
THE PRIME MINISTER HAS STATED THAT A SWIFT RESOLUTION HOLDS PRIORITY OVER THE LIVES OF ANY HOSTAGES.

**Gruppo di Intervento Speciale (Special Intervention Group), an elite Special Ops counter-terrorism unit within the Italian Carabinieri military police.







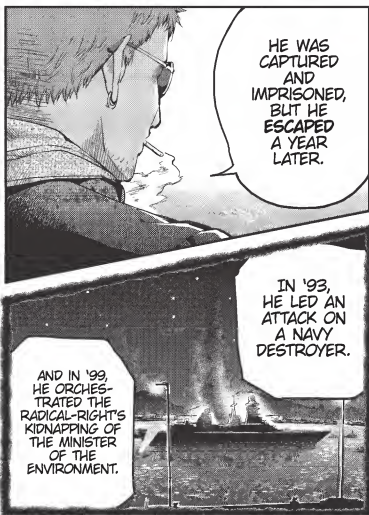




IT WAS A
LEFT-WING
TERRORIST
ATTACK ON
THE UNITED
STATES ARMY
GARRISON IN
VICENZA.

GIACOMO
DANTE
PULLED HIS
FIRST JOB
WHEN
HE WAS
EIGHTEEN.

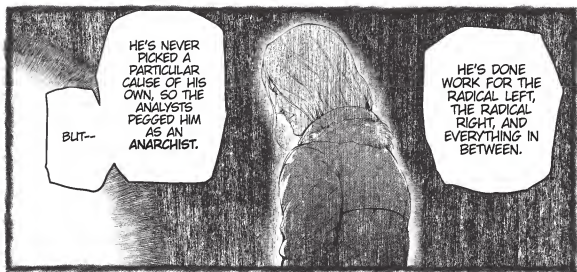
HIS LAST
BIG ONE...
WAS THE
CROCE
INCIDENT.

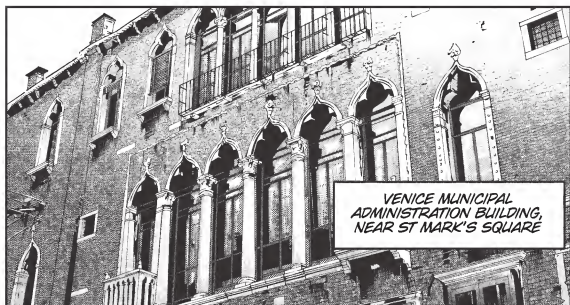


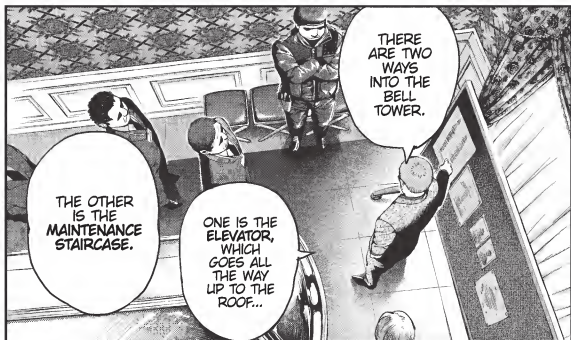
HE WAS
CAPTURED
AND
IMPRISONED,
BUT HE
ESCAPED
A YEAR
LATER.

AND IN '99,
HE ORCHES-
TRATED THE
RADICAL-RIGHT'S
KIDNAPPING OF
THE MINISTER
OF THE
ENVIRONMENT.

IN '93,
HE LED AN
ATTACK ON
A NAVY
DESTROYER.







THE OTHER
IS THE
MAINTENANCE
STAIRCASE.

ONE IS THE
ELEVATOR,
WHICH
GOES ALL
THE WAY
UP TO THE
ROOF...

THERE
ARE TWO
WAYS
INTO THE
BELL
TOWER.



MAJOR
SALLES WILL
USE TWO
SQUADS TO
SECURE
THE FRONT
FOYER.

FROM THERE,
HE WILL
ADVANCE UP
BOTH THE
MAINTENANCE
STAIRS AND
THE ELEVATOR
SHAFT.

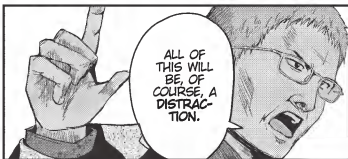


THE
TERRORISTS
HAVE PARKED
THE ELEVATOR
ON THE
OBSERVATION
DECK.

THEY ARE
CURRENTLY
HOLDING SIX
WORKERS AS
HOSTAGES.



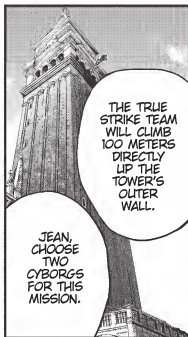
CONSEQUENTLY,
OUR FIRST
HURDLE WILL
BE SIMPLY
REACHING
THE TOWER.



ALL OF
THIS WILL
BE, OF
COURSE, A
DISTRACTION.



THE HIGH
TIDE HAS
SUBMERGED
THE CITY BY
APPROXIMATELY
60 CENTIMETERS*.



THE TRUE
STRIKE TEAM
WILL CLIMB
100 METERS
DIRECTLY
UP THE
TOWER'S
OUTER
WALL.

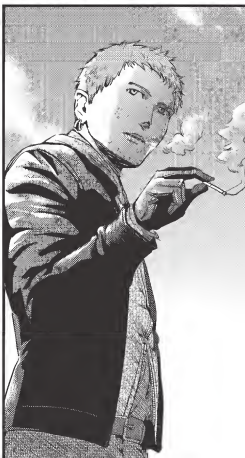
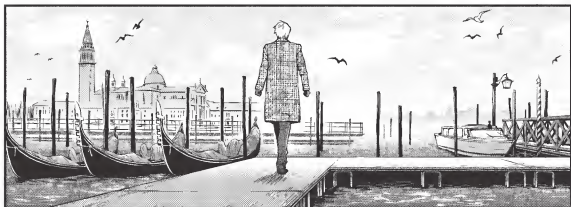
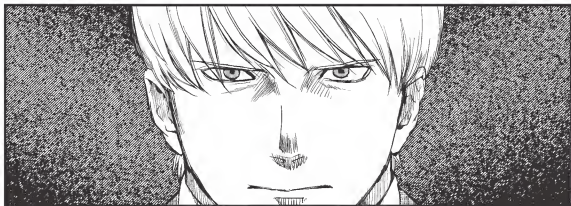
JEAN,
CHOOSE
TWO
CYBORGS
FOR THIS
MISSION.

*Almost 2 feet

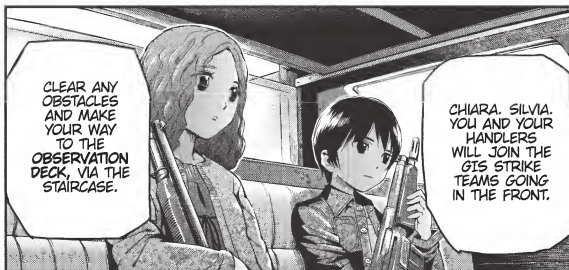


WE WILL
COMMENCE
THE
ATTACK.

ONCE THE
CIVILIANS
HAVE BEEN
EVACUATED, AND
THE MEDIA IS
CONFIRMED
TO BE UNDER
CONTROL....







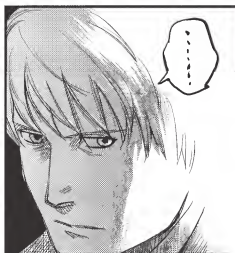
CLEAR ANY
OBSTACLES
AND MAKE
YOUR WAY
TO THE
OBSERVATION
DECK, VIA THE
STAIRCASE.

CHIARA. SILVIA.
YOU AND YOUR
HANDLERS
WILL JOIN THE
GTS STRIKE
TEAMS GOING
IN THE FRONT.



THE
HOSTAGES
ARE NOT
CONSIDERED
A PRIORITY.

FOCUS
SOLELY ON
DESTROYING
THE ENEMY.
THAT IS ALL.



HENRIETTA.
AS YOU
ARE STILL
RECOVERING
FROM YOUR
MAINTENANCE
SESSION, YOU
WILL STAY
BEHIND THE
FRONT LINE AS
SUPPORT.

YES,
SIR...



HE'S
IN A
LEAGUE
OF HIS
OWN.

HEY, NOW.
QUIT
TALKING HIM
UP LIKE
HE'S SOME
COLLEGE
BUDDY.

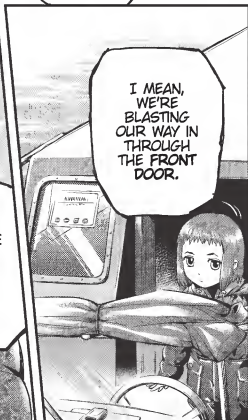
BE CAREFUL
IN THERE,
BERNARDO.
GIACOMO'S
NOT YOUR
USUAL
TERRORIST
SHLLIB.



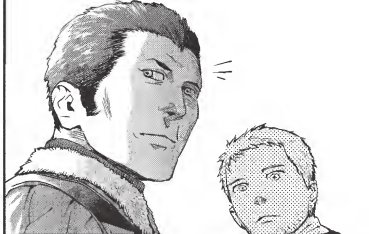
BUT I'VE
GOTTA AGREE
WITH YOU.
THIS TIME IS
GONNA BE
DIFFERENT.
MORE
DANGEROUS.



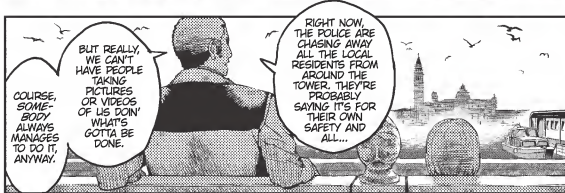
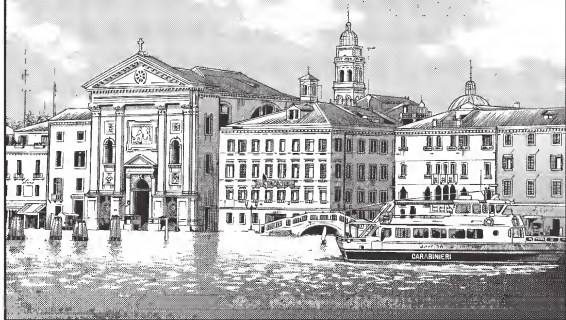
MORE
THAN ONE
MAN'S
GONNA
DIE
TODAY.

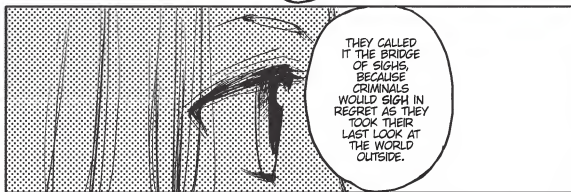
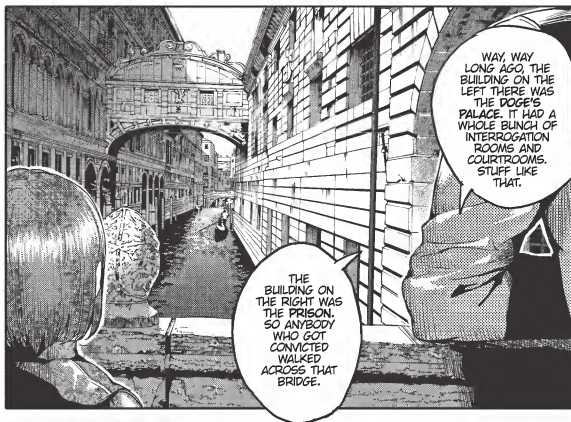


I MEAN,
WE'RE
BLASTING
OUR WAY IN
THROUGH
THE FRONT
DOOR.



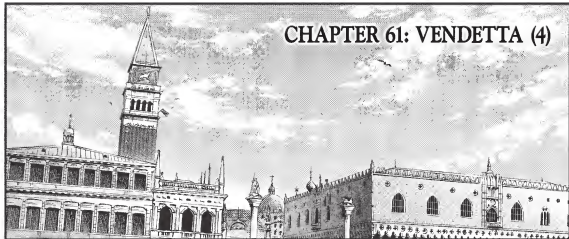








CHAPTER 61: VENDETTA (4)



BUT WE
HAVE LITTLE
CHOICE.
WE MUST
EXPECT
CASUALTIES.

GIACOMO IS
UNDOUBTEDLY
PREPARED
FOR A
FRONTAL
ASSAULT...

BELL TOWER, NORTH SIDE
"CLOCK TOWER" ROOF

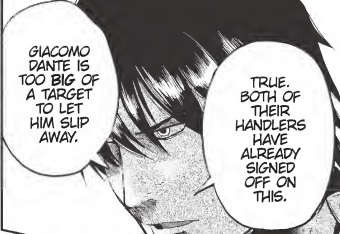
AFTER ALL,
THE FIRST
GENS ARE
NEARING
THE END OF
THEIR VIABLE
LIFESPAN.

WORST CASE
SCENARIO,
WE LOSE BOTH
CYBORGS.
HOWEVER,
THOSE ARE
ACCEPTABLE
LOSSES.

CHIARA AND
SILVIA WILL
CHARGE THE
FRONT DOOR,
ALONG WITH
THE GIS
SQUADS, TO
DIVERT THEIR
ATTENTION.

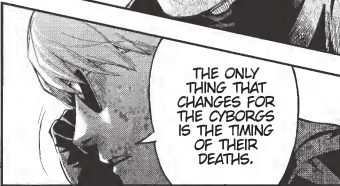


H/1.
THIS MAY
ACTUALLY
BE **BETTER**
FOR THEM.
SOLDIERS
WANT TO DIE
ON THE
BATTLEFIELD,
NOT IN A
HOSPITAL
BED.

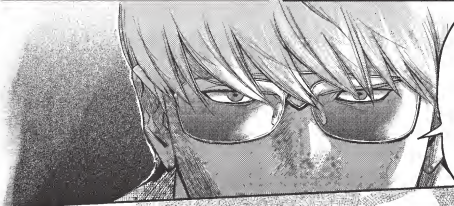


GIACOMO
DANTE IS
TOO BIG OF
A TARGET
TO LET
HIM SLIP
AWAY.

TRUE.
BOTH OF
THEIR
HANDLERS
HAVE
ALREADY
SIGNED
OFF ON
THIS.



THE ONLY
THING THAT
CHANGES FOR
THE CYBORGS
IS THE TIMING
OF THEIR
DEATHS.



AND WE...
WE WILL GET
HIM. WE'VE
FINALLY REACHED
HIM, JOSE.
WE'RE CLOSE
ENOUGH NOW
TO TOUCH HIS
SHADOW.

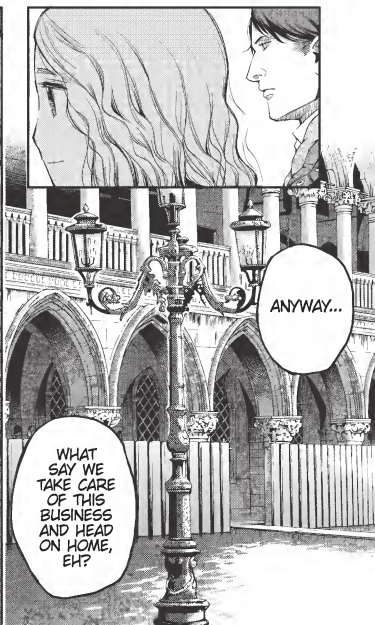
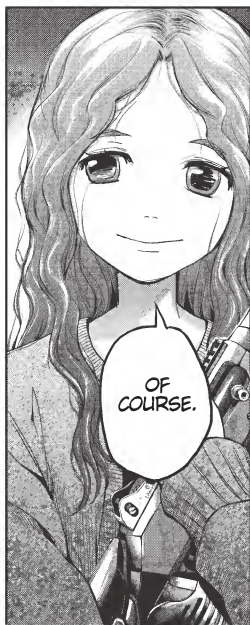
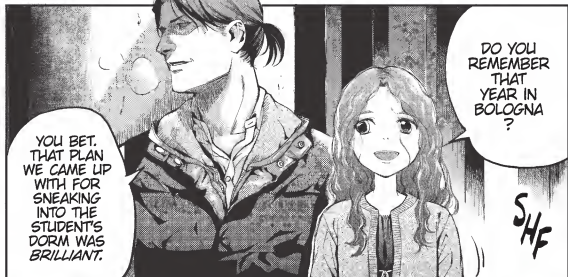


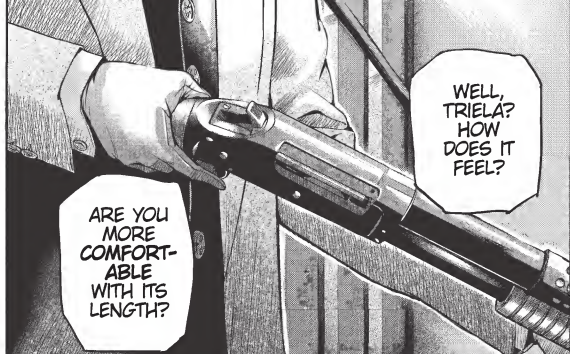
NOT
THIS
TIME.

RIGHT!

WE
MUST NOT
LET HIM
GET AWAY
FROM US,
JOSE.







ARE YOU
MORE
COMFORT-
ABLE
WITH ITS
LENGTH?

WELL,
TRIELA?
HOW
DOES IT
FEEL?



.....

DON'T DO
ANYTHING
RASH IN
THERE,
UNDER-
STAND?



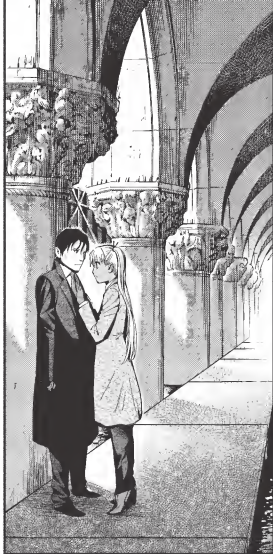
I WOULD
DEARLY
LOVE TO
ACCOM-
PANY YOU
ON THIS
MISSION,
BUT--

YEAH.
IT FEELS
WAY
BETTER
NOW.



STAY
HERE
AND WAIT
FOR ME.
PLEASE.

YEAH. YOU'D
ONLY
GET IN
THE
WAY.



I
WON'T.



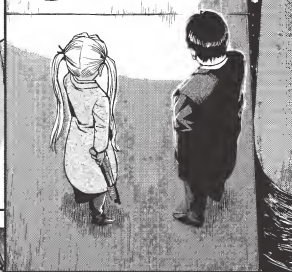
I'LL
COME
BACK
ALIVE.
I
PROMISE.



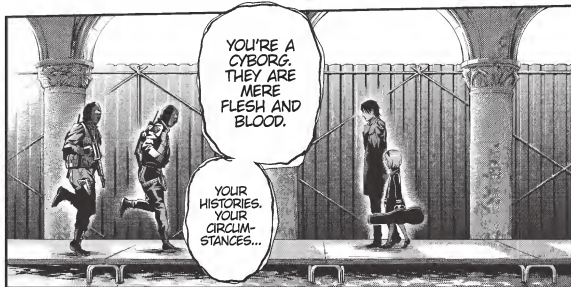
CONIGLI-
ETTO*!!

AHA!

*Coniglietto is Italian for "baby rabbit."









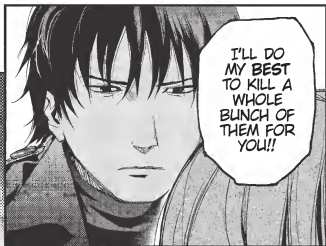
ALL THESE
THINGS
AND MORE
ARE SO
VERY
DIFFERENT.

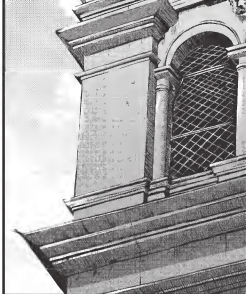


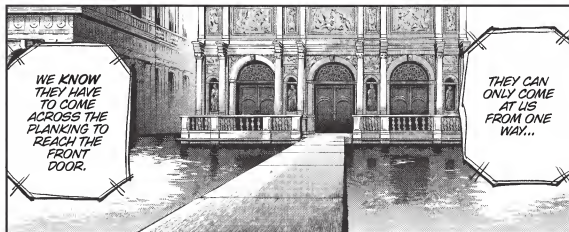
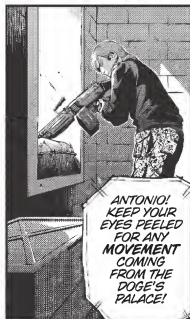
BUT YOU
HAVE ONE
THING IN
COMMON...

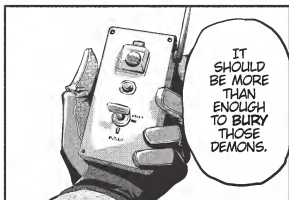


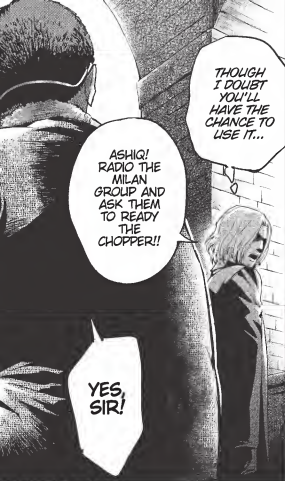
YOU
BOTH
HAVE
ORDERS
TO MARCH
TO YOUR
DEATHS.











ASHIQ!
RADIO THE
MILAN
GROUP AND
ASK THEM
TO READY
THE
CHOPPER!!

YES,
SIR!

THOUGH
I DOUBT
YOU'LL
HAVE THE
CHANCE TO
USE IT...



"CHIOGGIA,"
IT LOOKS
LIKE WE'RE
ABOUT
TO BE
ATTACKED.

THIS IS
"CHIOGGIA."
WE HEAR
YOU.



SEND UP
THE
ESCAPE
CHOPPER,
PLEASE.

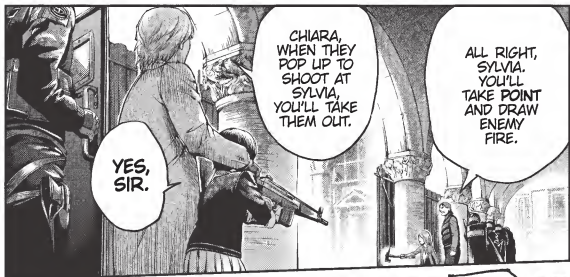
UNDER-
STOOD.



DO IT.
LET'S SEE
IF THE
AGENCY'S
PET KILLERS
ARE AS
IMMORTAL
AS THEY
SAY.

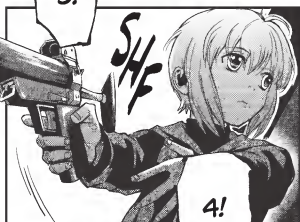
DO YOU
WANT ME
TO SET
UP THE
NTW*,
SIR?

*The NTW-20 is an anti-material rifle or heavy-caliber sniper rifle that can be used against a wide variety of targets through the use of a range of specialized projectiles.

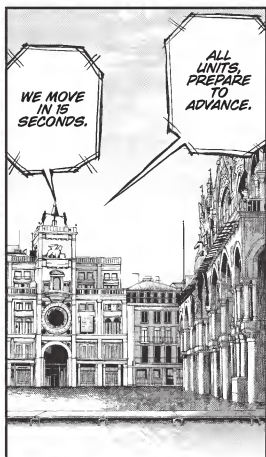




10
SECONDS!

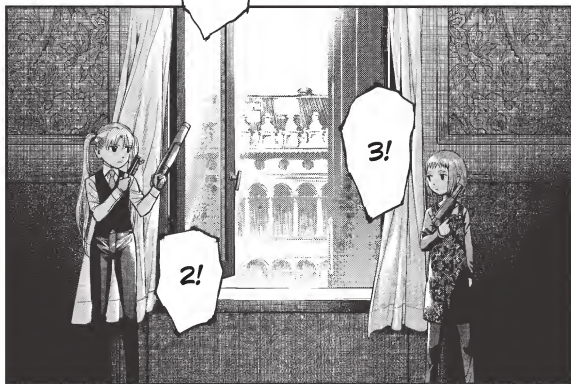


5!



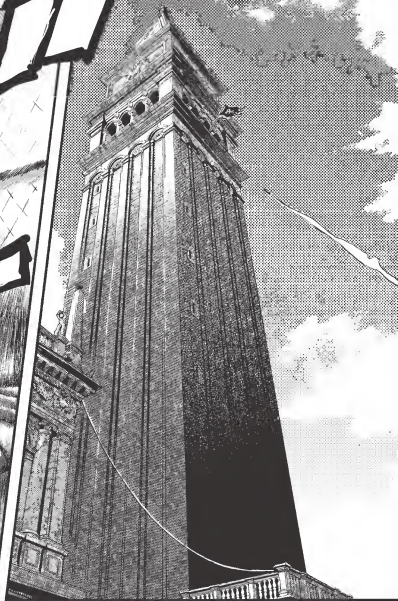
WE MOVE
IN 15
SECONDS.

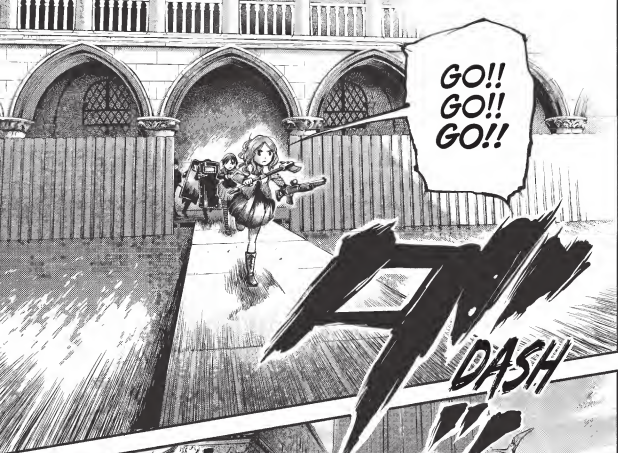
ALL
UNITS,
PREPARE
TO
ADVANCE.



2!

3!





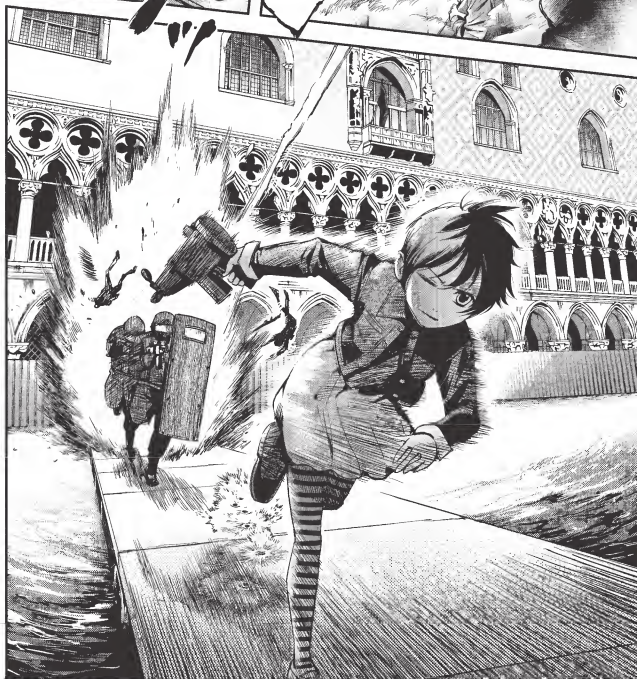






AND...
FIRE
!!

READY
THE
ROCKET
LAUNCHER
!!



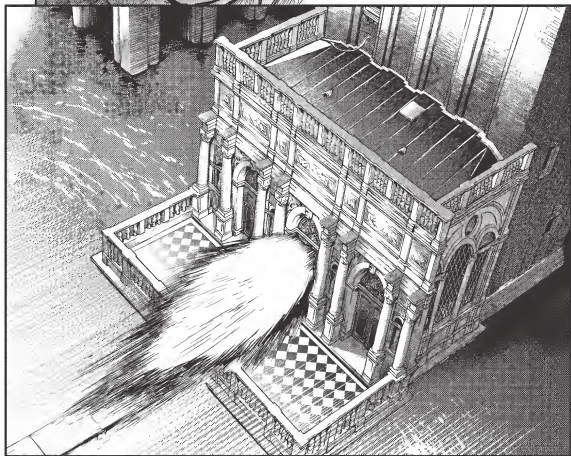
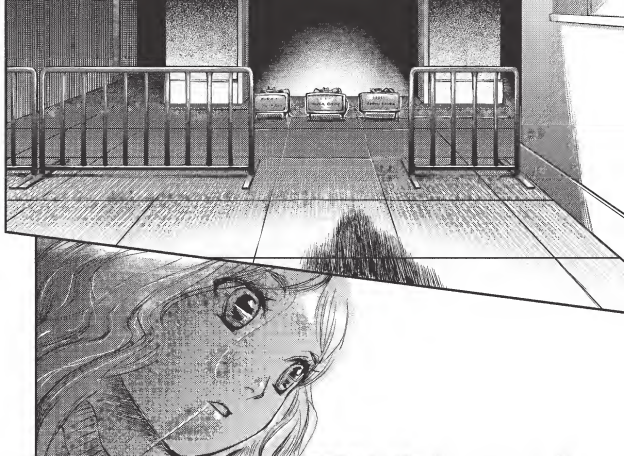
DO NOT
WAIT
FOR THE
OTHERS
!!

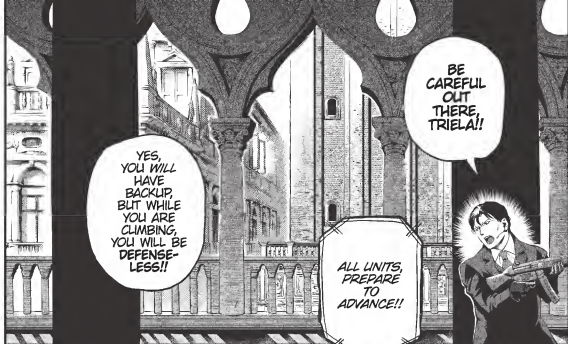
THIS IS
SYLVIA
AND
CHIARA.

REPEAT,
DO NOT
WAIT!
TAKE
THEM
NOW!!

WE HAVE
REACHED
THE
FRONT
DOORS
!!

WHUNG





BE
CAREFUL
OUT
THERE
TRIELA!!

YES,
YOU WILL
HAVE
BACKUP,
BUT WHILE
YOU ARE
CLIMBING,
YOU WILL BE
DEFENSE-
LESS!!

ALL UNITS,
PREPARE
TO
ADVANCE!!



10
SECONDS!

I KNOW.
MAJOR
SALLES
SAID THIS
ONE'S A
"DO OR DIE"
MISSION.



KEEP
YOUR COOL,
TRIELA.
DON'T LET
YOURSELF
GET
CARRIED
AWAY!!

AND
THEN
SHE
SAYS
THINGS
LIKE
THAT...

4!



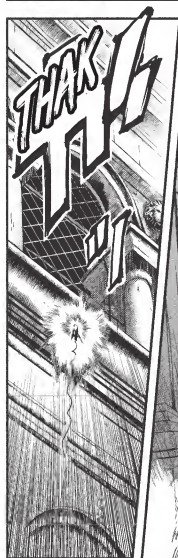
I WILL,
AS LONG
AS YOU
KEEP THE
HEROICS
TO A
MINIMUM.

3!



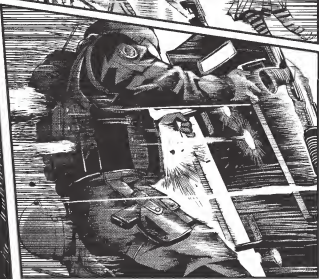
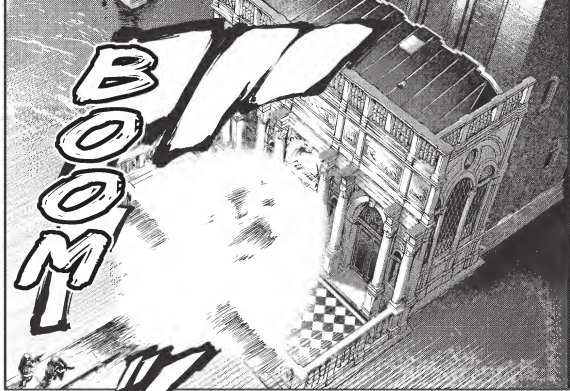
SOUNDS
LIKE THE
PERFECT
CYBORG
MISSION
TO ME.

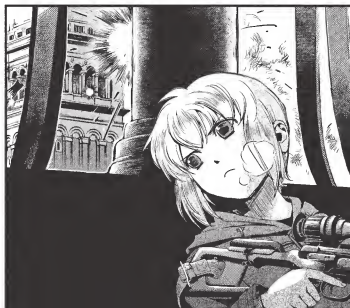
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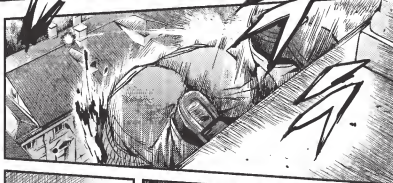


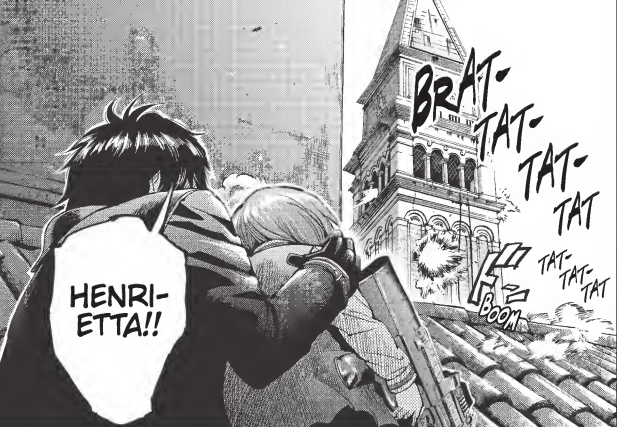


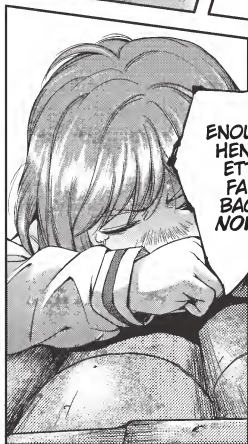
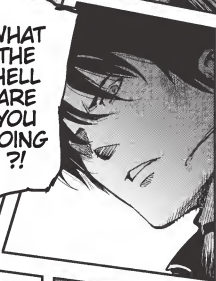


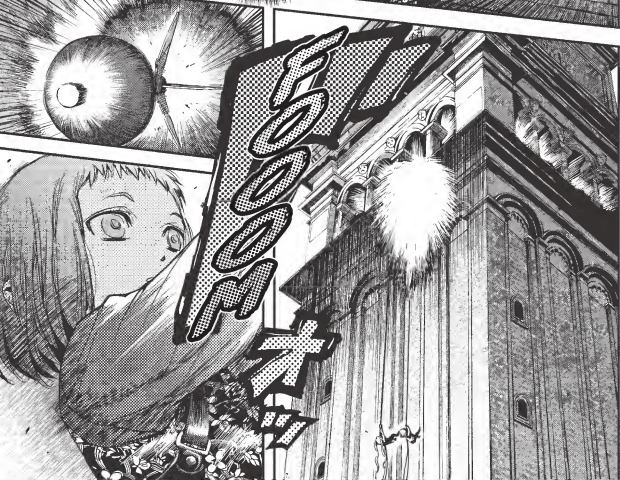


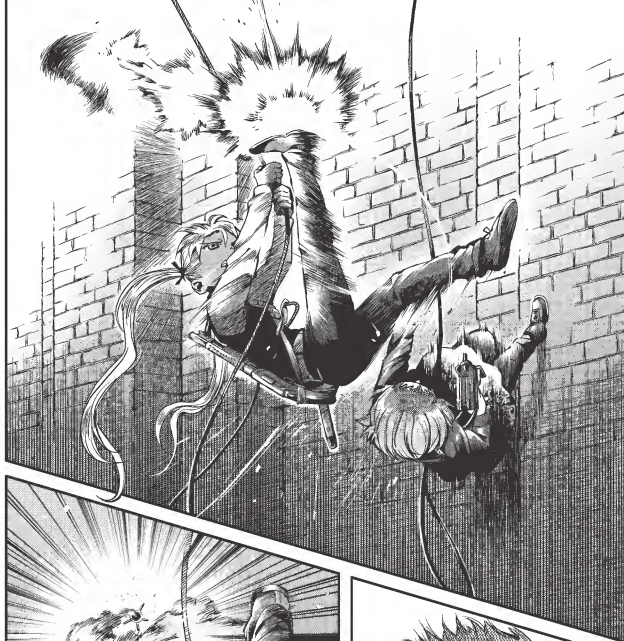


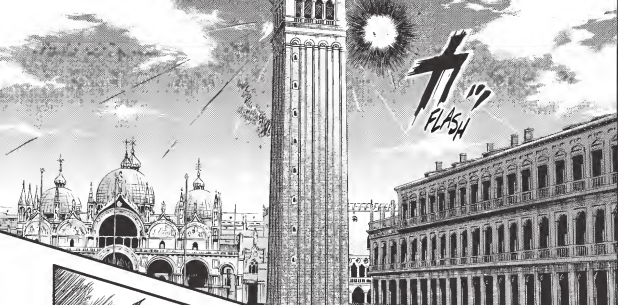






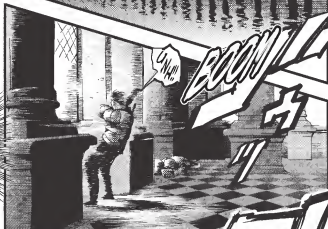


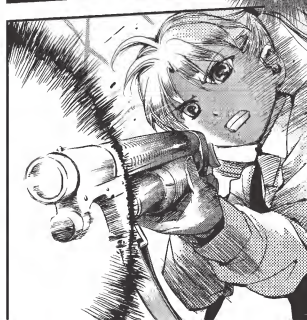


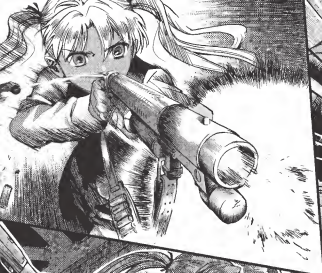


THE
BATTLE'S
BEGIN.
I CAN FEEL
MY SENSES
GROWING
SHARPER...

GETTING
CLEARER,
WITH
EVERY
BREATH.



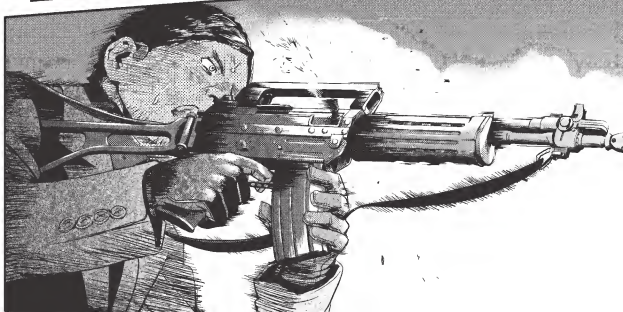


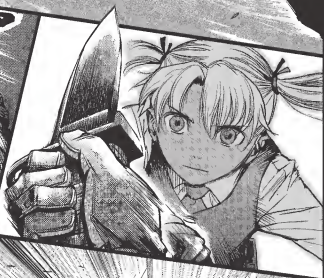


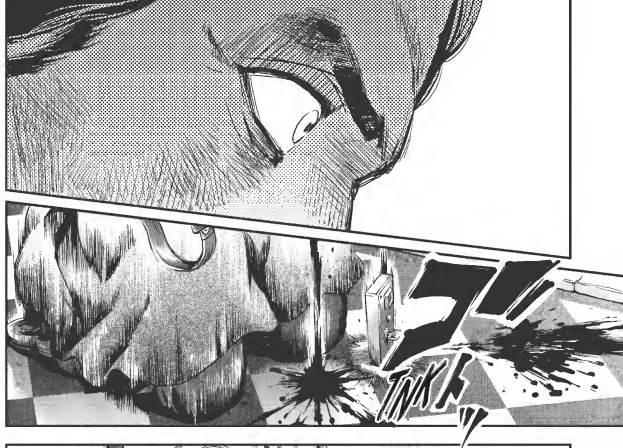
BUT I'M
NOT LIKE
THAT
ANYMORE.
I'M
DIFFER-
ENT!!



I FIGHT
TO
LIVE!!

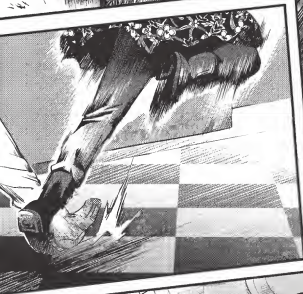








BRUP-UP-UP
KUH



BRUP-UP-UP

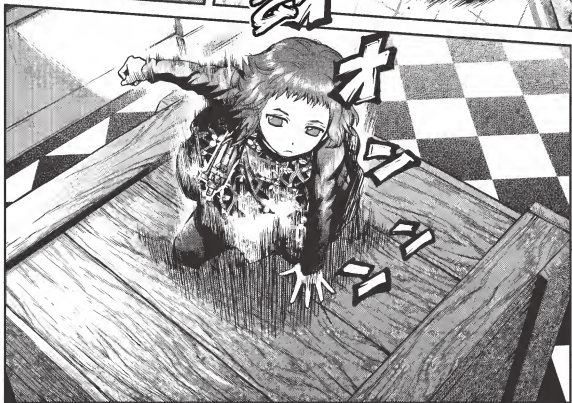
BOOM
Z

SH



SPAK SPAK SPAK

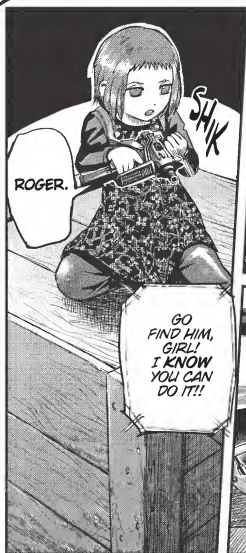
FI
TMP





GIMME
YOUR
SITUA-
TION!!

BEACE
!!



ROGER.

GO
FIND HIM,
GIRL!
I KNOW
YOU CAN
DO IT!!



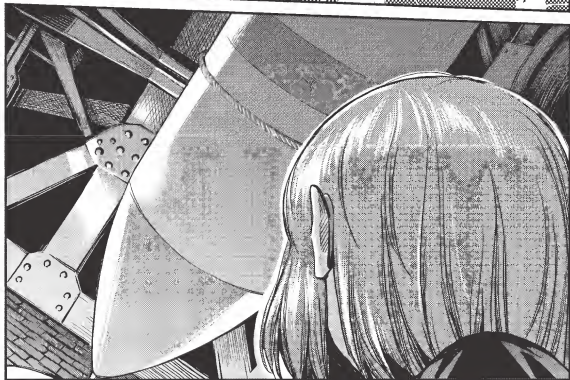
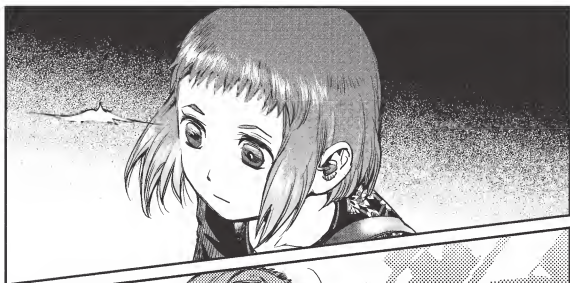
CUR-
RENTLY
SUBDUING
THE
OBSERVA-
TION
DECK!!

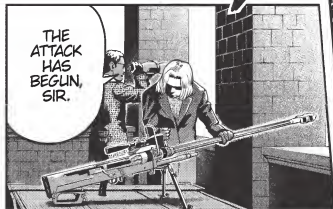
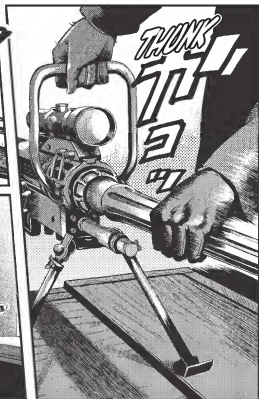
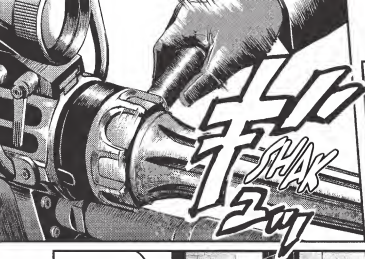
SHIK



UN-
KNOWN.
HE
HASN'T
BEEN
SIGHTED.

BEATRICE.
WHERE IS
GIACOMO
?!





CHAPTER 63: BEATRICE

A close-up of a young woman with long dark hair and glasses, looking slightly to the side with a serious expression.

TRIELA
NEEDS TO
LIVE THE
LONGEST.

OUT OF
ALL OF
US...

The back of a young woman's head with long dark hair.

WHY?

A small, round-faced girl with short hair and a surprised expression.

BECAUSE
SO MANY
PEOPLE
WANT
HER TO.

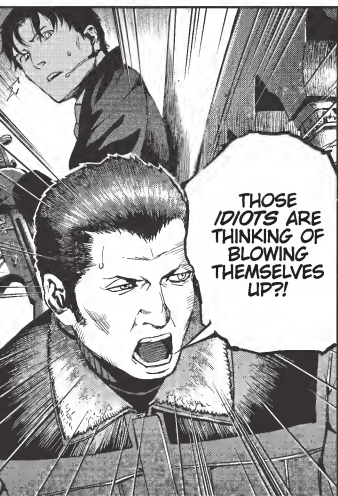
A young woman with blonde pigtails, wearing a school uniform, holding a large chainsaw with both hands and looking at it with a determined smile.

SO,
I'M GONNA
DO WHAT I
CAN TO MAKE
SURE THAT I
COME BACK
IN ONE
PIECE
TODAY.



OH
NO...!!

THIS
SMELL.
HIGH-
GRADE
WEAPONS
FUEL?



THOSE
IDIOTS ARE
THINKING OF
BLOWING
THEMSELVES
UP?!



SIGNORE
BERNARDO!
I HAVE FOUND
A LARGE
MISSILE
ON THE
OBSERVATION
DECK!!

A
WHAT?!
ARE
YOU
KIDDING
ME?!



KEEP
TRYING
TO GET
AHEAD OF
GUIDO.



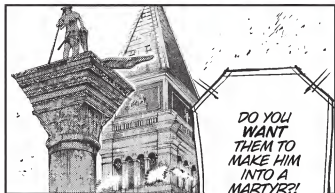


NO!
IF THEY
BLOW
THEMSELVES
UP, HOW
CAN WE
BE *SURE*
WE'VE GOT
GIACOMO?!

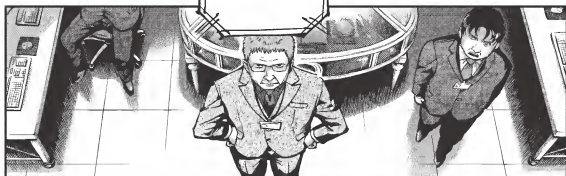


IF THOSE
NUT-JOBS
WANNA BLOW
THEMSELVES
UP,
THEN LET
'EM!

I'M WITH
HILSHIRE
ON THIS
ONE,
JEAN!



DO YOU
WANT
THEM TO
MAKE HIM
INTO A
MARTYR?!



THIS IS AN
ORDER
FOR ALL
FRATELLO
INVOLVED
IN THIS
MISSION.

THIS IS
LORENZO.



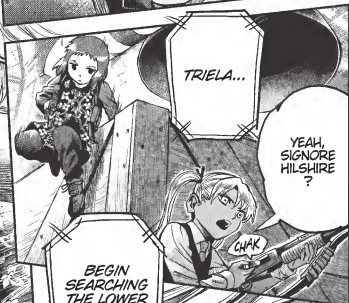
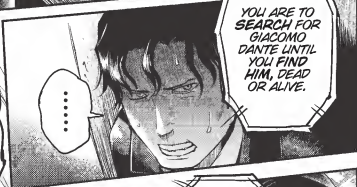
GUIDO?
GUIDO!!

THERE
WILL BE
NO
RETREAT.

YOU ARE TO
SEARCH FOR
GIACOMO
DANTE UNTIL
YOU FIND
HIM, DEAD
OR ALIVE.



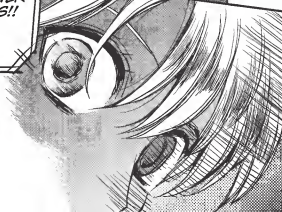
BEA-
TRICE
!!

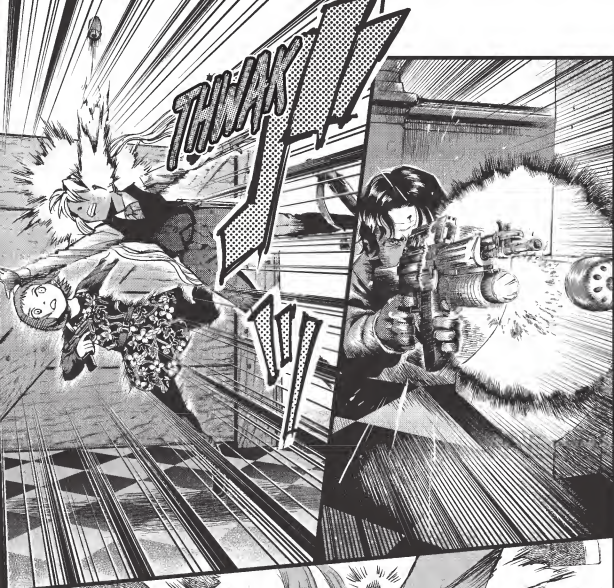


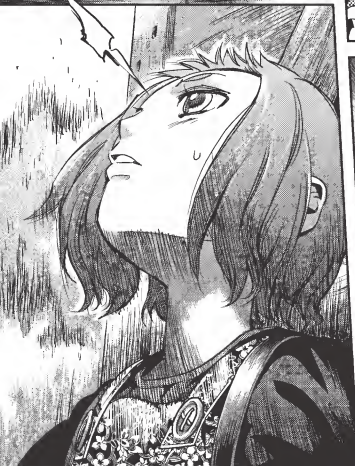
TRIELA...

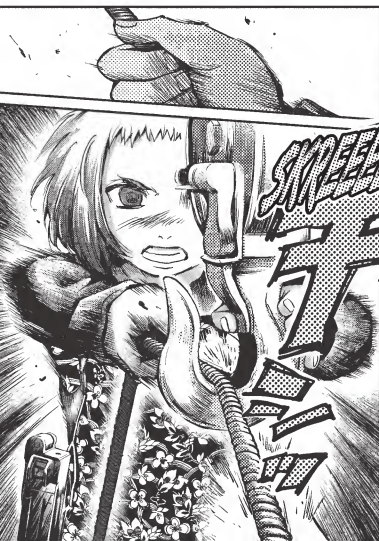
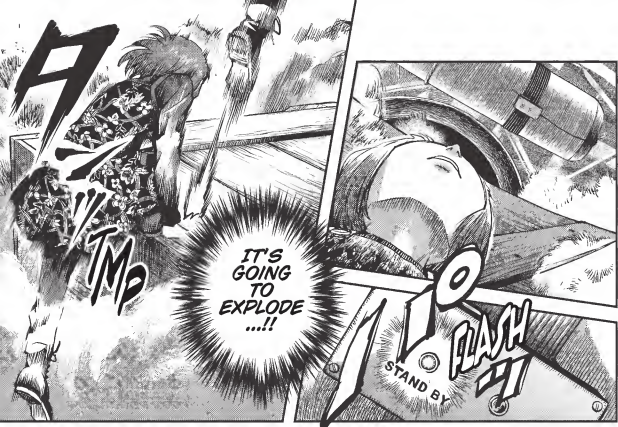
YEAH,
SIGNORE
HILSHIRE
?

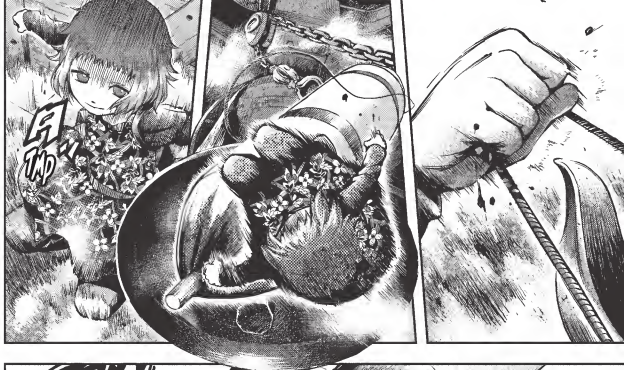
BEGIN
SEARCHING
THE LOWER
FLOORS!!

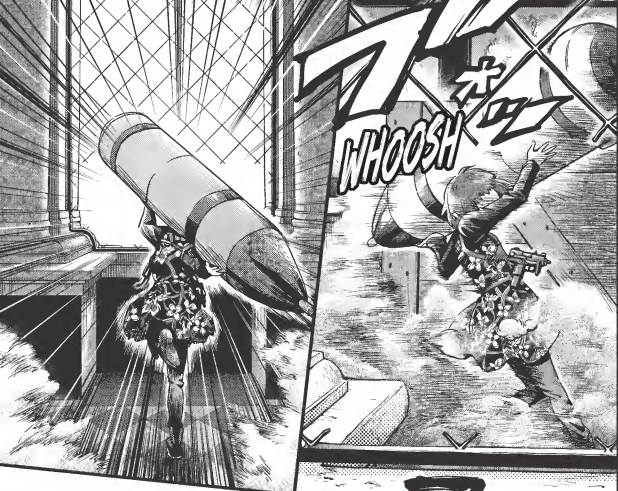


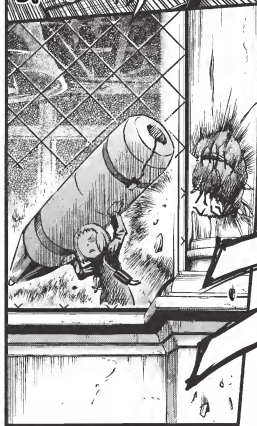
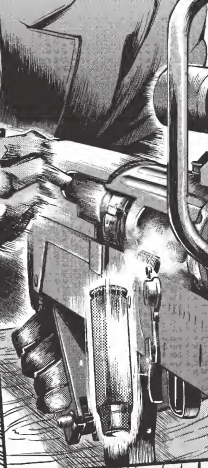








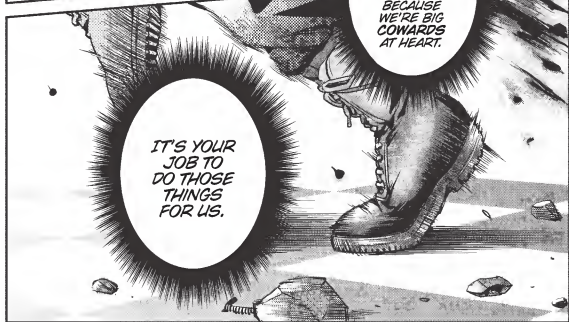




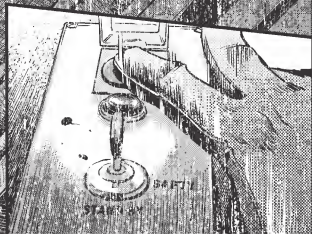
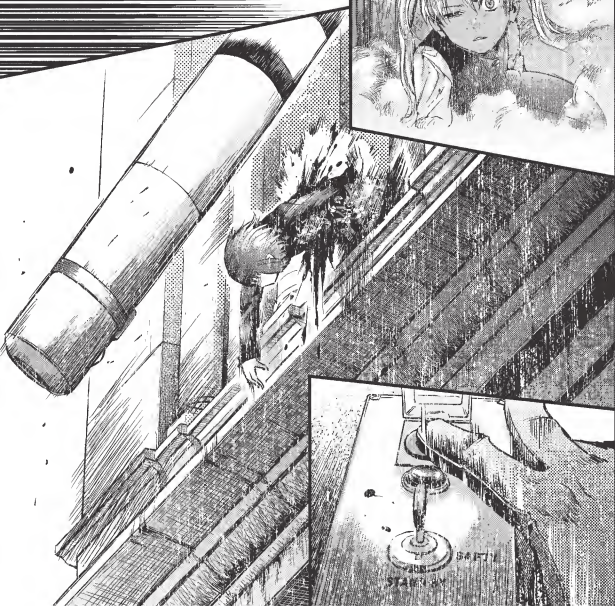




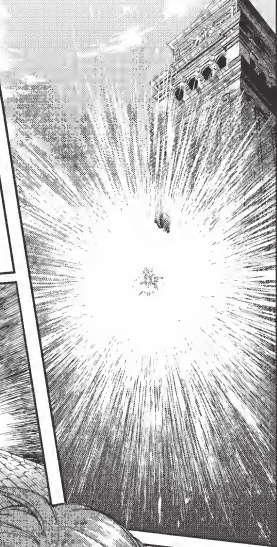
THERE ARE
THINGS OUT
THERE THAT
GUYS LIKE
ME CAN'T DO
BECAUSE
WE'RE BIG
COWARDS
AT HEART.

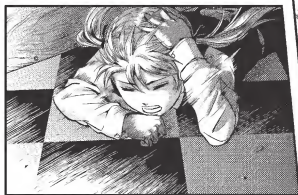
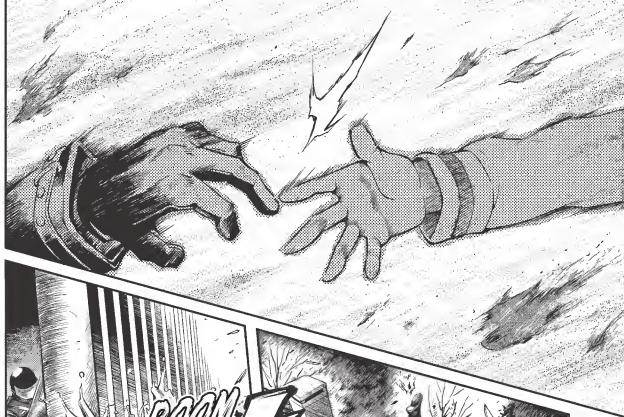


TRIELA!
GET
DOWN
!!











TIME
FOR
US TO
PULL
OUT!

CALL FOR
OUR
CHOPPER!!

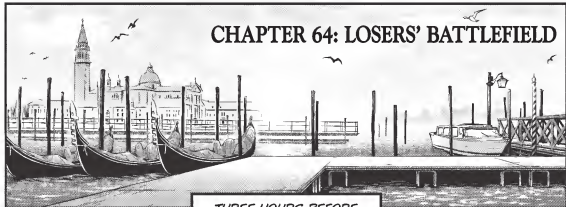


UNBELIEVABLE...
THAT LITTLE
GIRL JUST
PICKED UP AND
THREW A 500
KILOGRAM
WARHEAD.



YES,
THIS WAS
DEFINITELY
WORTH-
WHILE.

CHAPTER 64: LOSERS' BATTLEFIELD



THREE HOURS BEFORE
THE ASSAULT.

SOME
TERRORISTS
TOOK OVER A
BELL TOWER,
AND BROADCAST
THEIR DEMANDS
AND STUFF
OVER THE
RADIO,
STRAIGHT
FROM
THERE.



DO YOU GUYS
REMEMBER
BACK IN '97?
THERE WAS
AN INCIDENT A
LOT LIKE THIS
ONE THAT
YEAR.

NOW,
THE BOSS
AND THE GIS
ARE TOTALLY
CAUGHT UP IN
THE ILLUSION
THAT IT'S
HAPPENING
AGAIN.

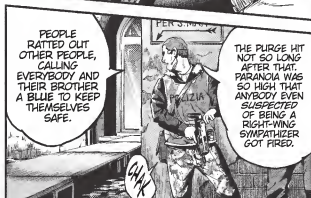


BUT
MAKE NO
MISTAKE,
GIACOMO
ISN'T
THERE.



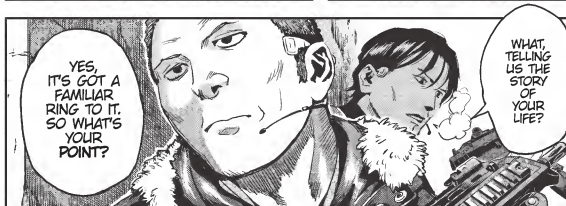


IT ALL
STARTED
AFTER THE
CROCE
INCIDENT,
DIDN'T
IT?



PEOPLE
RATTED OUT
OTHER PEOPLE,
CALLING
EVERYBODY AND
THEIR BROTHER
A BLUE TO KEEP
THEMSELVES
SAFE.

THE PURGE HIT
NOT SO LONG
AFTER THAT.
PARANOIA WAS
SO HIGH THAT
ANYBODY EVEN
SUSPECTED
OF BEING A
RIGHT-WING
SYMPATHIZER
GOT FIRED.



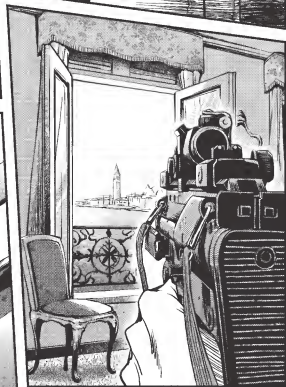
YES,
IT'S GOT A
FAMILIAR
RING TO IT.
SO WHAT'S
YOUR
POINT?

WHAT,
TELLING
US THE
STORY
OF
YOUR
LIFE?



IF I SEE
GIACOMO
DANTE
IN HERE,
I'M GONNA
SHOOT THAT
BASTARD
DEAD.

OH,
NOTHING.
I JUST
WANTED
TO GIVE
YOU FAIR
WARNING.





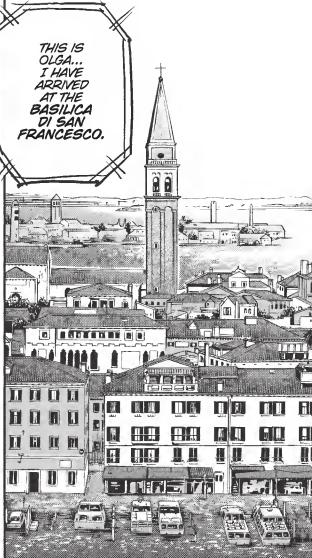
THERE IS
NO SIGN
OF ANY
SUSPICIOUS
ACTIVITY
HERE.

THIS IS
OLGA...
I HAVE
ARRIVED
AT THE
BASILICA
DI SAN
FRANCESCO.



BRAT-TAT-TAT

WHERE
SHOULD WE
LOOK NEXT,
O GRAND
COMMANDER?



DAMN.
HE'S NOT
THERE,
EITHER...



BLAM BLAM
BLAM

BRAT-TAT-TAT

BOOM

HIT THE
ARSENALE
NEXT.





SANDRO,
I HEARD A
GUNSHOT!
DUE
SOUTH OF
HERE!!

OW!
THAT'S
HOT!!

WAIT,
SOUTH
?!

PETRA
!!

ZING

BOTH SAN
MAGGIORE
AND GIUDECCA
ISLANDS HAVE
ALREADY BEEN
SEARCHED
AND
CORDONED
OFF!

IT
SOUNDED
FARTHER
AWAY
THAN
THAT!!

ERRR

ZING



WAIT.
YOU'RE
KIDDING
ME...



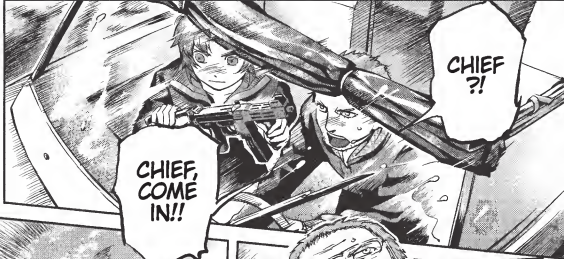
HE'S ON
SAN
CLEMENTE
?!



FARTHER
SOUTH THAN
SAN
MAGGIORE?
BUT LA GRAZIA
DOESN'T HAVE
ANY BUILDINGS
HIGH
ENOUGH.

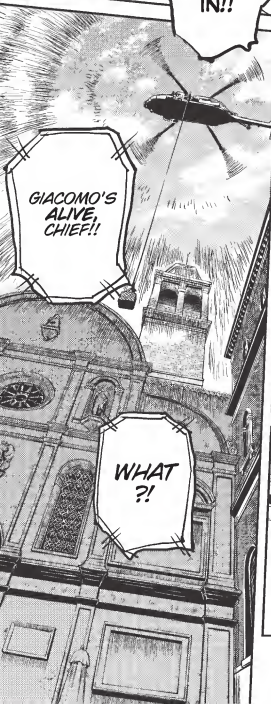
BREEEEEE





CHIEF
?!

CHIEF,
COME
IN!!



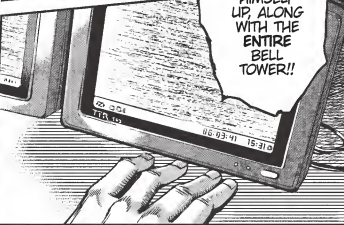
GIACOMO'S
ALIVE,
CHIEF!!

WHAT
?!



I'VE GOT AN
EMERGENCY
REQUEST
FOR AN
ARMORED
CHOPPER--

I DON'T
HAVE TIME
FOR THAT
RIGHT NOW,
ALESSANDRO
!!



GIACOMO
JUST BLEW
HIMSELF
UP, ALONG
WITH THE
ENTIRE
BELL
TOWER!!



HE WAS
NEVER IN
THAT BELL
TOWER.
HE'S ON
SAN
CLEMENTE
ISLAND!!



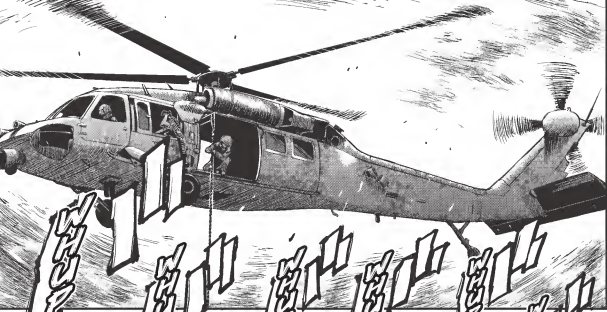
WHUP WHUP WHUP WHUP WHUP

SANDRO
!!



BRACE
FOR
INCOMING
!!

I SEE
'IM,
PETRA
!!



SHOULD WE
ABORT THE
RETRIEVAL
AND TAKE
OFF?

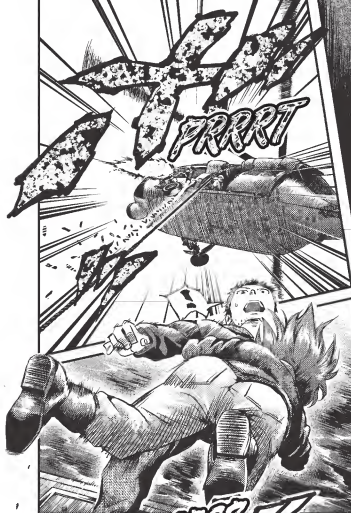


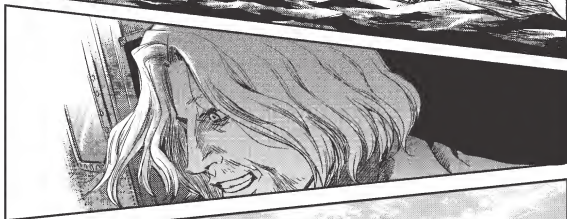
GIACOMO.

NAH.
LET'S
WELCOME
THEM!!

THERE'S
A BOAT
APPROACH-
ING US
AT HIGH
SPEED.

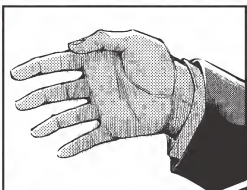








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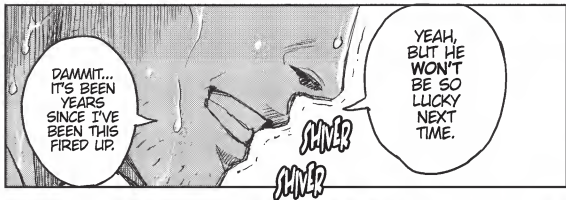
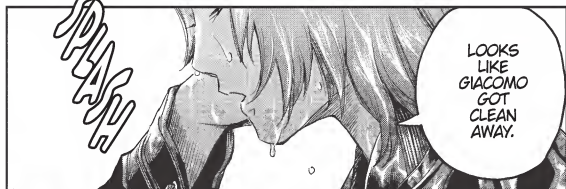


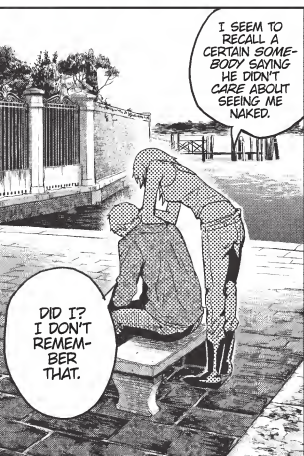
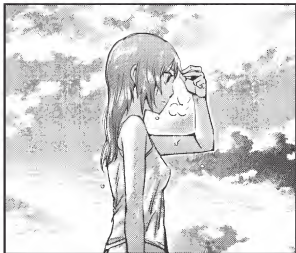
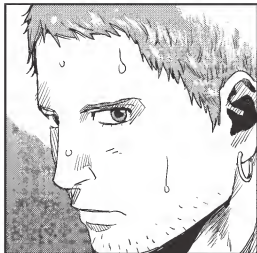
SEE?
I'M
BACK,
SAFE
AND
SOUND.

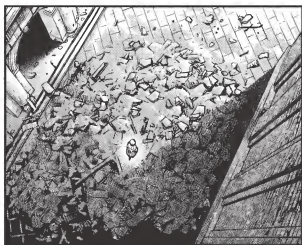
JUST
LIKE I
PROMISED.

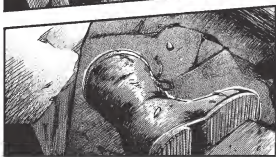
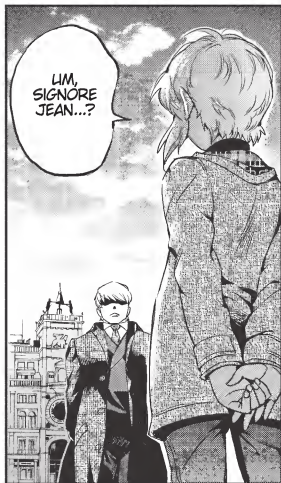












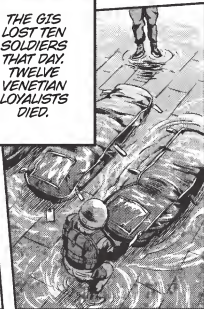


AND SO,
THE BELL
TOWER
INCIDENT
CAME TO AN
EXPLOSIVE
CLOSE.

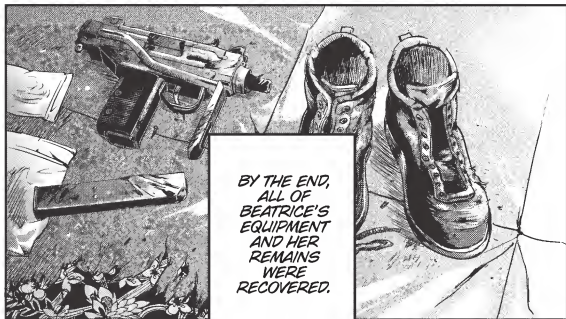
THE SITE
WAS
CORDONED
OFF AND
HEAVILY
GUARDED
FOR A
WEEK.



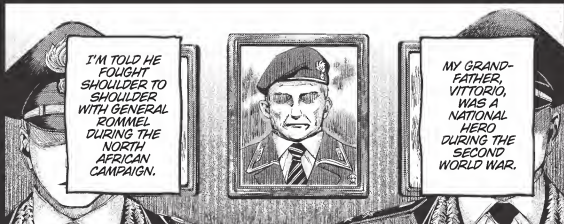
THE GIS
LOST TEN
SOLDIERS
THAT DAY.
TWELVE
VENETIAN
LOYALISTS
DIED.

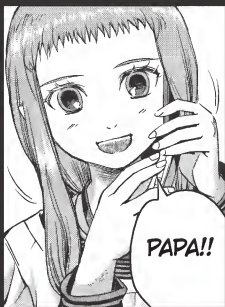
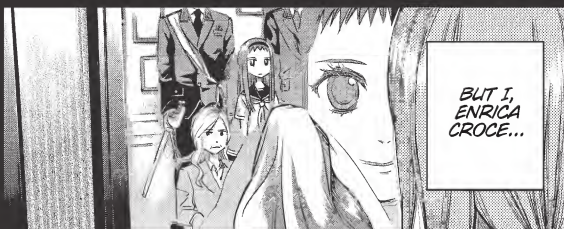


AND TWO
AGENCY
CYBORGS
WERE
KILLED.



BY THE END,
ALL OF
BEATRICE'S
EQUIPMENT
AND HER
REMAINS
WERE
RECOVERED.







I UNDER-
STAND,
PAPA.

GOOD
LUCK,
NOW.

DON'T
WORRY,
YOUR
MOTHER
WILL
STILL
COME AND
WATCH.



YES,
ENRICA.
ABOUT
THAT...

MY MATCH
IS AT 10
O'CLOCK.
TOMORROW
MORNING!



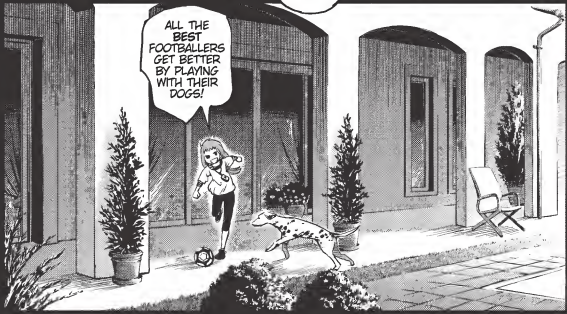
THINGS
HAVE
COME UP,
AND I
CANNOT
LEAVE.

IT SEEMS
I WILL NOT
BE ABLE TO
RETURN TO
ROME IN
TIME.

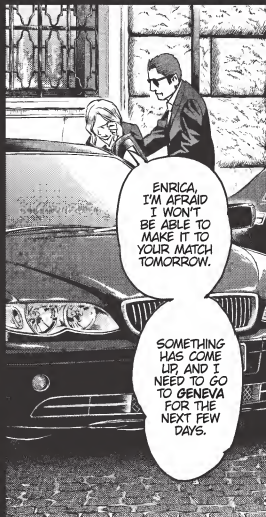
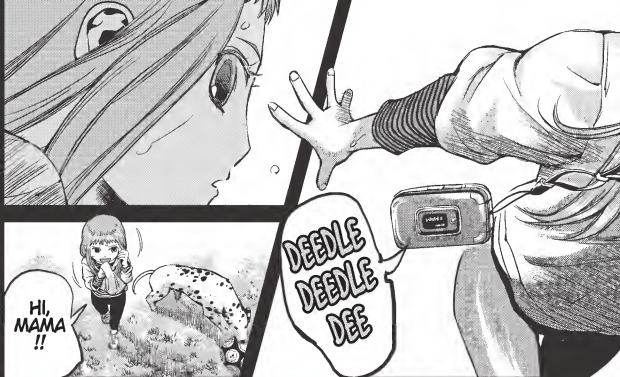


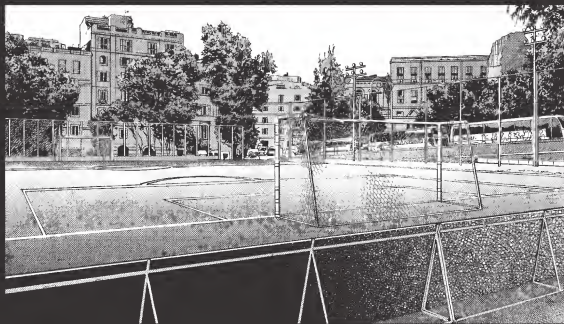
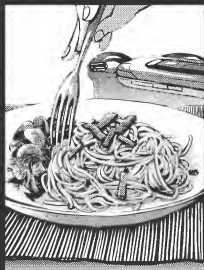
C'MON,
FOL!!

I JUST
KNEW
THIS
WOULD
HAPPEN...



ALL THE
BEST
FOOTBALLERS
GET BETTER
BY PLAYING
WITH THEIR
DOGS!







OH,
I WAS.
I
ALWAYS
AM...



SO
NEITHER
OF YOUR
BROTHERS
MADE IT
HOME?



WELL,
IT'S NOT
LIKE YOU
WERE
ACTUALLY
EXPECTING
THEM.

NOPE.



BUT
YOU'VE
GOT IT
BETTER
THAN US.
YOU'RE
RICH!



DEEP
DOWN,
I
KNOW
THEY
WON'T
SHOW.

I NEVER
SHOULD'VE
BROUGHT
IT UP...



IF IT
LOOKS
LIKE
I'VE
GIVEN UP
ON THEM,
THEY'LL
NEVER
EVEN
BOTHER
TRYING
TO
SHOW
UP.

I
MEAN,
I
HAVE
TO.

EVERYBODY'S
THE SAME.
I MEAN,
MY SISTER'S
OUT ALL THE
TIME THESE
DAYS!

DON'T
LET IT
GET TO
YOU,
ENRICA.



BUT I
CAN'T HELP
HOPING
THAT
MAYBE
THIS TIME,
IT'LL BE
DIFFERENT.



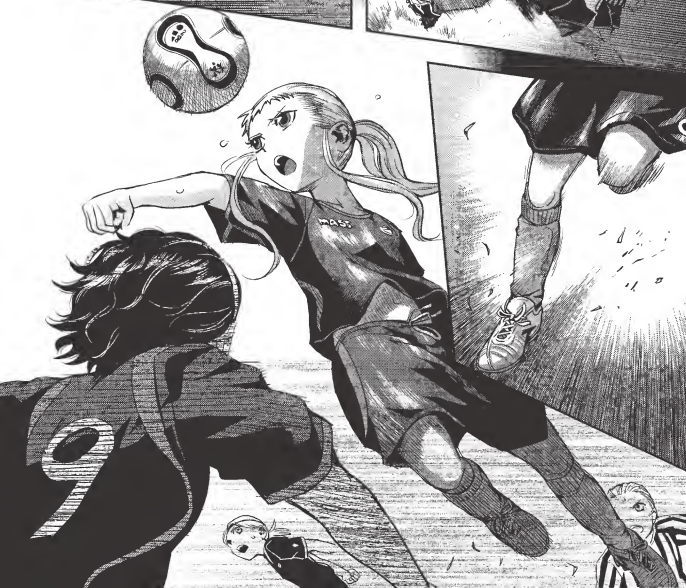
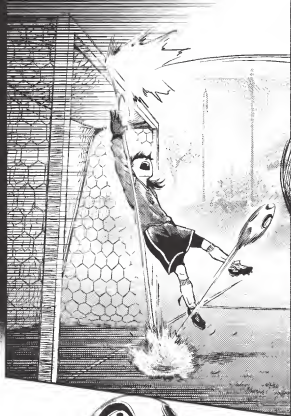
SO,
HOW DO I
MAKE THE
NEXT ONE
MATTER?
WHAT CAN
I DO?



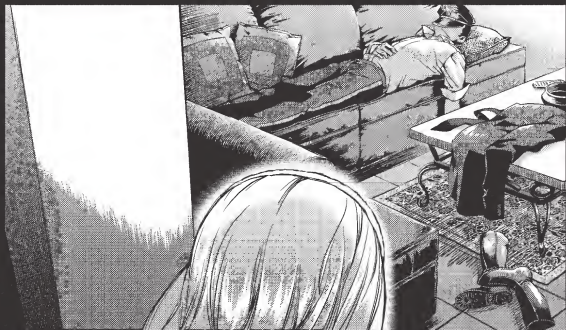
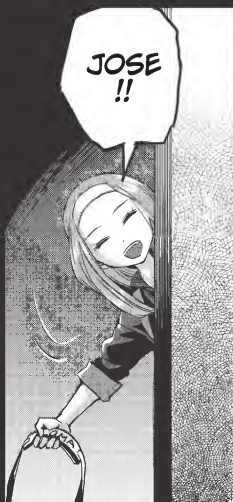
THEY
WERE
NEVER
GONNA
MAKE THE
EFFORT
TO SHOW
UP FOR
SOME-
THING
THIS
LOW-
SCALE!

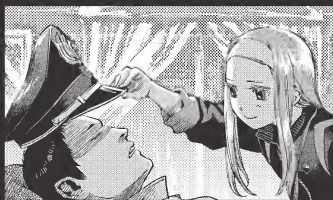
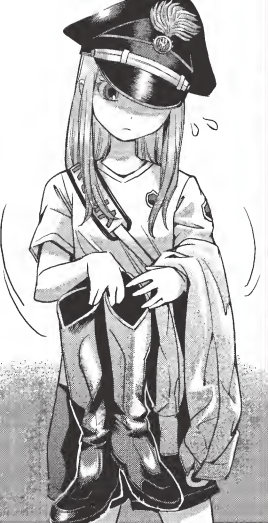
THIS
MATCH!
IS WAY
TOO
INSIG-
NIFI-
CANT...

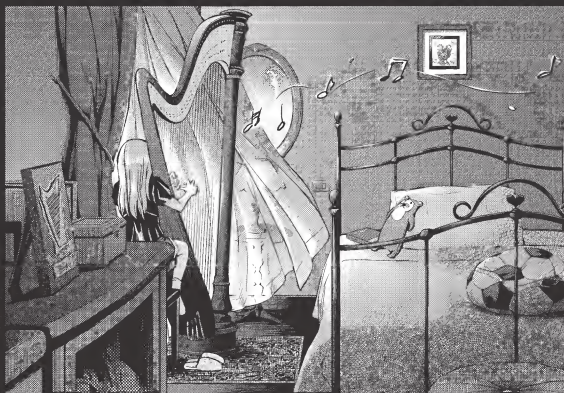


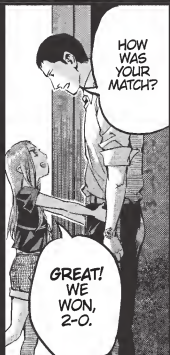
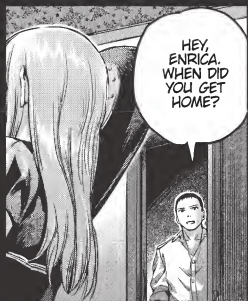
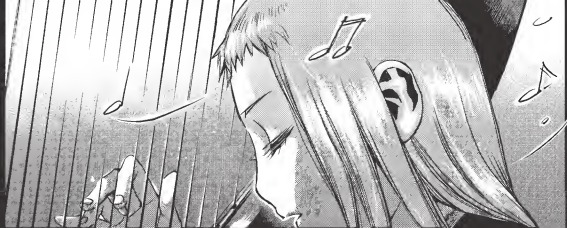






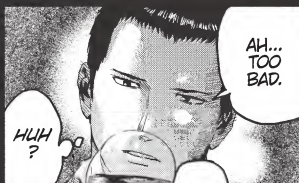




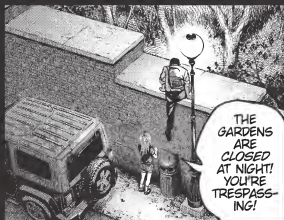


NO,
THEY BOTH
SAID THAT
SOMETHING
CAME UP
AT WORK.

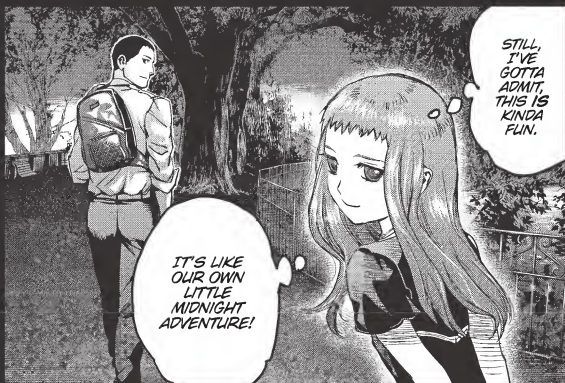
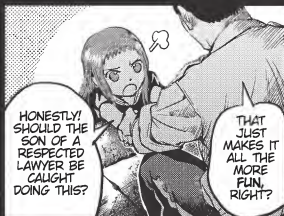
DID MOM
AND DAD
COME TO
WATCH YOUR
MATCH
TODAY?

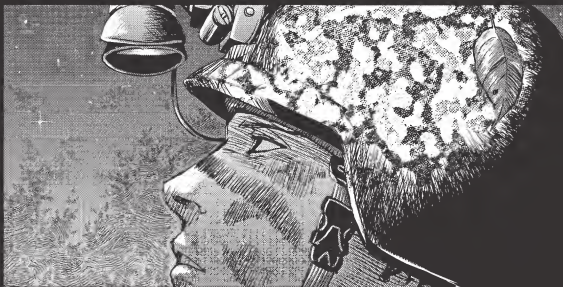
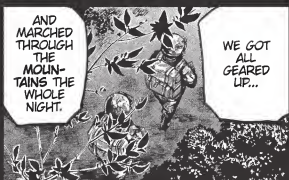


ROME,
VILLA BORGHESE
GARDENS



JOSE,
WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?!



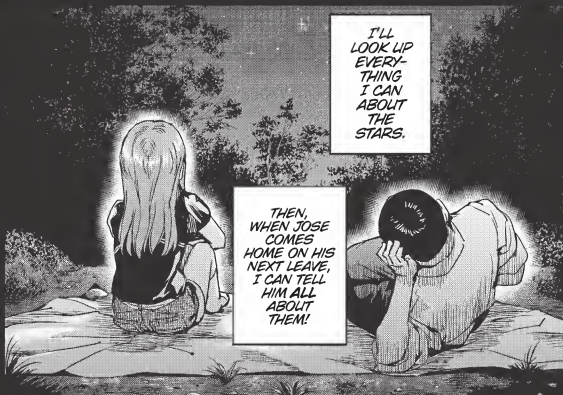




THE STARS
WERE
BEAUTIFUL.

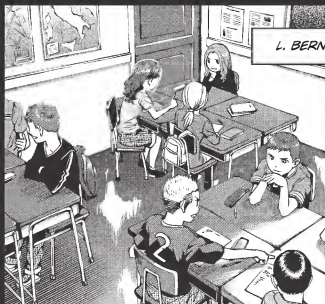


OH!
I
KNOW!

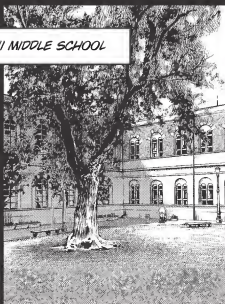


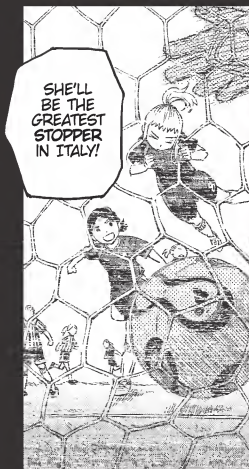
I'LL
LOOK UP
EVERY-
THING
I CAN
ABOUT
THE
STARS.

THEN,
WHEN JOSE
COMES
HOME ON HIS
NEXT LEAVE,
I CAN TELL
HIM ALL
ABOUT
THEM!



L. BERNINI MIDDLE SCHOOL







I THOUGHT I WAS
SOMEONE WHO DID
NOT NEED TO LOVE,
OR TO BE LOVED.



CHAPTER 66: PRINCIPE AZZURRO

THE GREATEST
GLORY A MAN
CAN ASPIRE
TO IS TO SERVE
HIS COUNTRY AS
A SOLDIER.

JEAN.
JOSE.
LISTEN
CLOSELY,
BOYS.

AND HE
WAS A
HERO
TO THE
TWO OF
US.



OUR
GRAND-
FATHER
WAS A
WAR
HERO.



HE TOLD
US MANY
STORIES
ABOUT HIS
ADVENTURES
IN THE
MILITARY.

ABOUT
THE
HONOR
AND
GLORY OF
BEING A
SOLDIER.





THOSE
STORIES
WERE A
HUGE
INFLUENCE
ON ME.

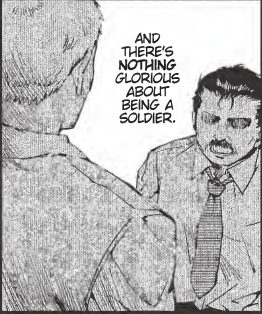
I WAS STILL
VERY YOUNG
WHEN I
DECIDED THAT
I WANTED
TO BE A
SOLDIER,
JUST LIKE
HE WAS.



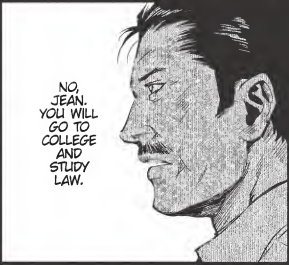
WARTIME
IS FAR
BEHIND
US...



WHAT?
YOU WANT
TO GO TO
THE ARMY
OFFICER'S
ACADEMY?



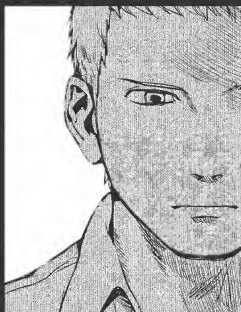
AND
THERE'S
NOTHING
GLORIOUS
ABOUT
BEING A
SOLDIER.



NO,
JEAN.
YOU WILL
GO TO
COLLEGE
AND
STUDY
LAW.



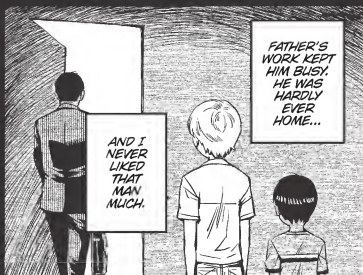
FATHER,
WITH ALL DUE
RESPECT, YOU
IGNORED WHAT
GRANDFATHER
WISHED OF YOU
AND BECAME
A LAWYER,
RIGHT?



I'LL BE
A SOLDIER,
FATHER,
DESPITE
WHAT YOU
SAY!



WELL,
I WILL DO
THE SAME
THING, AND
CHOOSE
WHAT I
WANT.



AND I
NEVER
LIKED
THAT
MAN
MUCH.

FATHER'S
WORK KEPT
HIM BUSY.
HE WAS
HARDLY
EVER
HOME...





IT WAS THE
SUMMER
BEFORE I
BEGAN
OFFICER'S
ACADEMY.

NOT MUCH
LATER,
GRAND-
FATHER
PASSED
AWAY.



THAT
WAS
WHEN I
KNEW
FOR
CERTAIN...

I WAS A
MAN OF
LITTLE
EMOTION.



STRANGELY,
I DID NOT
SHED A
SINGLE
TEAR.



MY
BROTHER,
HOWEVER,
WAS A
MUCH
MORE
PERSON-
ABLE MAN
THAN I.

I CAN'T.
THE
ACADEMY
REQUIRES
DORM
RESIDENCY.



JOSE, I
WANT YOU
TO TAKE
CARE OF
OUR
SISTER
FROM
NOW ON.



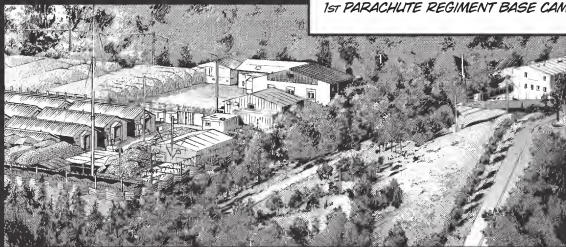
YOU
NEED
TO
HELP
ME!

WHAT?
I HAVE
SCHOOL
TO WORRY
ABOUT
TOO, YOU
KNOW!



KNOWING
THAT,
I DUMPED
MY SISTER
ONTO
HIS LAP.

5 YEARS LATER - MT. ASPROMONTE,
1st PARACHUTE REGIMENT BASE CAMP



THE
CROCE
BLOOD
RUNS
TRUE
IN YOU,
EH?

GRADUATED
FROM THE
ARMY
OFFICER'S
ACADEMY,
SECOND IN
YOUR
CLASS...



SO,
WE ARE
MERELY A
STEPPING-
STONE
FOR YOU?

I HAD
PLACED MY
HOPES IN YOU
BECOMING ONE
OF THE CORE
LEADERS OF
THIS REGIMENT
ONE DAY,
YOU KNOW.



SIR,
YES,
SIR!

MY
LONG-TERM
GOAL IS
TO EARN A
RECOMMEN-
DATION TO
THE GTS,
SIR!



WELL,
LIEUTEN-
ANT?

DO YOU
INTEND TO
BECOME A
WAR HERO,
LIKE YOUR
GRAND-
FATHER?



HA
HA
HA!

CAPABLE,
PRECISE,
HIGHLY
INTELLIGENT,
AND WITH
IMPECCABLE
MANNERS.

YOU ARE
JUST LIKE
HOW YOUR
FILE SAYS
YOU ARE,
I SEE.



HOWEVER,
THERE IS
NO NEED
FOR
WORRY,
SIR!

I BEG
YOUR
PARDON,
SIR!



HE IS A
FINE
SOLDIER,
SIR.
PLEASE
CONSIDER
HIM IN MY
PLACE.

IN THREE
YEARS, MY
YOUNGER
BROTHER
WILL
GRADUATE
FROM THE
ACADEMY.



ESPECIALLY
IN THE
SPECIAL
FORCES.

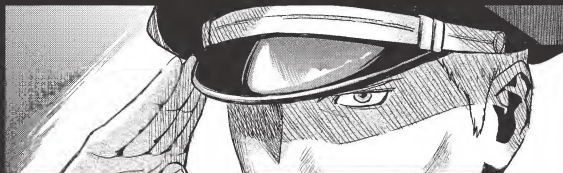
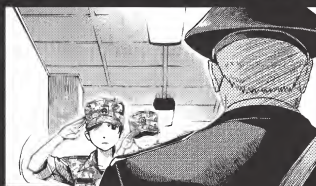
I WILL TELL
YOU THIS NOW,
LIEUTENANT.
DISPASSIONATE
OFFICERS
RARELY
MAKE GOOD
COMMANDERS.



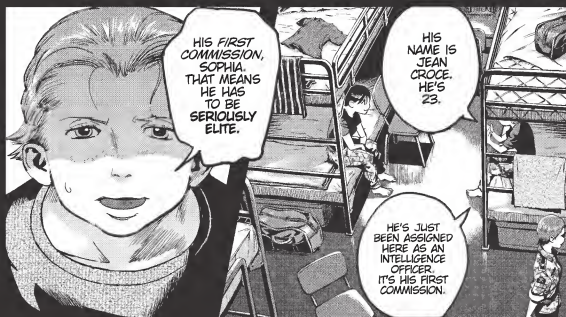
IT WAS
NOT
SOME-
THING I
COULD
CHANGE
ON A
WHIM.

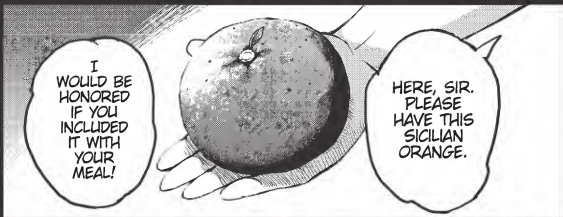
I HAD
LITTLE
INTENTION
OF
CHANGING,
THOUGH.
I WAS
DISPAS-
SIONATE
BY
NATURE...

I WILL
TAKE
YOUR
WORDS TO
HEART,
SIR.











QUIT
FOLLOWING
ME
AROUND.



I HAVE
NO
INTEREST
IN
WOMEN.



DOES
THAT MEAN
YOU'RE
A HOMO-
SEXUAL,
SIR?

REALLY
?



NO, IT DOES
NOT. IT
MEANS THAT
I DO NOT
DEVOTE MY
ATTENTION
OR AFFEC-
TION TO
OTHER
PEOPLE.

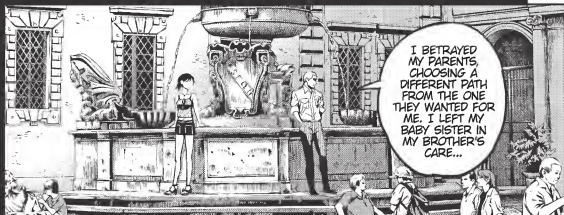
I AM
NOT ONE
GIVEN TO
FANCIFUL
NOTIONS OF
LOVE AND
ROMANCE.



LOVE
AT
FIRST
SIGHT,
SIR!!

WHAP

OOF
!!



I BETRAYED
MY PARENTS,
CHOOSING A
DIFFERENT PATH
FROM THE ONE
THEY WANTED FOR
ME. I LEFT MY
BABY SISTER IN
MY BROTHER'S
CARE...



AND
WHAT'S
WRONG
WITH
THAT,
SIR?



I AM A
SELF-
CENTERED
MAN,
SERGEANT.

MY OWN
SELF AND
MY OWN
GOALS ARE
PARAMOUNT
TO ME.



THAT JUST
MEANS
YOU'RE ALL
THE MORE
DEVOTED
TO YOUR
CAUSE.

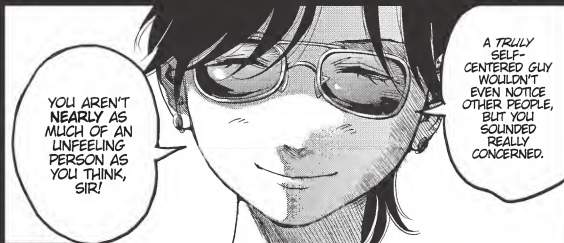


WHILE
LISTENING
TO YOU TALK
JUST NOW,
ONE THING
REALLY
STOOD OUT
FOR ME.

BESIDES...



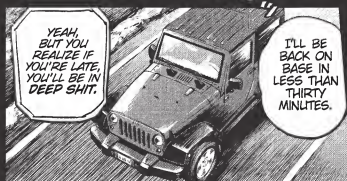
THAT KIND
OF DEVOTION
SEEMS, WELL,
RATHER
HUMAN TO
ME, SIR.



YOU AREN'T
NEARLY AS
MUCH OF AN
UNFEELING
PERSON AS
YOU THINK,
SIR!

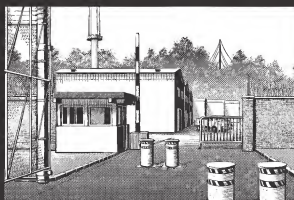
A TRULY
SELF-
CENTERED GUY
WOULDN'T
EVEN NOTICE
OTHER PEOPLE,
BUT YOU
SOUNDED
REALLY
CONCERNED.





BRNNNN

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I KNOW
YOU
WOULDN'T.

BUT I
CAME UP
WITH A
BETTER
IDEA.



YEAH.



YOU'VE
APPLIED
FOR A
DIS-
CHARGE?

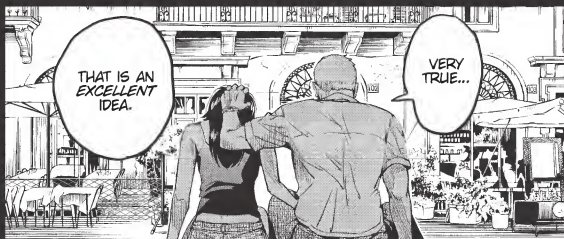
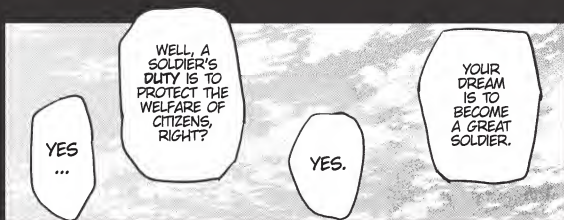


ESPECIALLY
BETWEEN
OFFICERS AND
ENLISTED
SOLDIERS.
IT WOULD
SERIOUSLY
HURT YOUR
CHANCES FOR
PROMOTION.

FRATER-
NIZING
BETWEEN
SOLDIERS
IS NEVER
SMILED
UPON.



I
WOULDN'T
LET IT.



GUNSLINGERGIRL.



The Locations Of "GUNSLINGER GIRL"

ROMA #59,65

VENEZIA #60,61,62,63,64

ASPROMONTE #66

GUNSLINGERGIRL

DANTE'S INFERNO

After years in exile, Giacomo Dante, the infamous mastermind of the “The Croce Incident,” has returned to take his rightful place as leader of the Five Republics. His first act as new leader is to seize control of Venice’s landmark St. Mark’s Campanile and demand the release of fellow terrorist Aaron Cicero, along with fifty of their comrades-in-arms who are being held as political prisoners. Unable to bow to Dante’s demands, the Italian government has no choice but to meet force with force, in a battle that will have dire consequences. *Gunslinger Girl’s* explosive endgame starts here!

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